

**Zahed Matar**



## INTERNATIONAL

## Dukakis accuses Bush aides of working for foreign government

BOSTON, Sept. 11, (Reuters): Democratic presidential candidate Michael Dukakis yesterday attacked Vice-President George Bush for choosing three campaign aides who were hired by the Bahamas to defuse US criticism of its drug policies.

Continuing to escalate his battle with the vice-president, Dukakis released copies of a memo from the consulting firm run by three key aides and said his own government would not employ aides with "divided loyalties."

The aides run a Washington firm that was paid \$800,000 by the Bahamas to improve its standing in Washington — particularly with the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA).

"In a Dukakis White House, there will be no back doors for foreign lobbyists," Dukakis told a news conference.

### Interest

"There will be no opportunity for anyone to represent that they can lock our government on a path that will lead in the direction of another government's interest," Dukakis charged in releasing a memo from the firm of Black, Manafort and Stone to the government of the Bahamas. Charles Black, Paul Manafort and Roger Stone work as key advisers to the Republican campaign and Stone was recently named co-chairman of Bush's efforts in California.

"My staff will not have divided loyalties," the Massachusetts governor said. "In a Dukakis White House the staff will pledge allegiance to only one flag — old glory."

The Republicans have criticised Dukakis for his 1977 veto of a measure that would have required teachers to lead their students in the pledge of allegiance in comments widely regarded as an attack on



Dukakis

Dukakis's patriotism. Dukakis told reporters that the "American people have the right to know that the back door of the White House will not be the front door for paid agents of foreign governments."

The memo says political critics "have been sowing the seeds that the government of the Bahamas is a nation for sale inviting drug czars to use the banking system, that government officials are participating in the drug trafficking."

News reports about the firm's contract with the Bahamas first surfaced three years ago, but Democrats have tried to resurrect the issue because of the stature of the firm's officials in the Bush campaign.

Although Bush was taking a day off from the campaign trail, campaign spokesmen dismissed the charges as old news that has failed to show any wrongdoing.

Bush planned to announce the formation of a national security advisory task force including former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, former UN ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick, former National Security Adviser Brent Scowcroft and Zbigniew Brzezinski, who was President Carter's national security adviser.

## Women ululate as Pontiff arrives in Harare

# Pope raps racial discrimination

HARARE, Sept. 11, (Reuters): Pope John Paul II led 150,000 singing, swaying people in a cheerful, uniquely African mass in Harare today and called for reconciliation in Zimbabwe to end the sins of racial and tribal discrimination.

Bands played kudu horns, drums and rattles, women ululated and children in white danced and waved yellow papal flags as the Pope arrived for the mass, first of his nine-day Southern African tour, at a racecourse in Harare's posh northern suburbs.

The Pope was cheered as he toured the racecourse under bright sunshine in a bullet-proof popemobile made from a converted truck and then passed through the crowd on his way to an altar backed by palm fronds and decorated with yellow flowers.

Dressed in pale green vestments and a yellow and white mitre, he was preceded to the altar by laughing, dancing children and women, to a background of the rhythmic African music and ululation which accompanied the entire mass.

The Pope clearly enjoyed the African flavour of the occasion, the biggest crowd ever assembled in Zimbabwe, and smiled happily as he blessed the throng.

### Message

He was cheered when he said "God bless all of you" in the local Shona language. At the end of the mass he thanked the crowd for "your wonderful songs."

But his message was a serious one. In the homily he spoke of those who had died during the war against white rule and in conflict since, mentioning by name Bishop Adolph Schmitt, killed in an ambush on a remote road in 1976.

"Your own country has known only too well the pain and suffering caused by sins such as racial discrimination and

segregation, which deny the human dignity and full equality of other people simply because of the colour of their skin or because of the tribe to which they belong."

He also spoke of greed and lust for power, dishonesty and selfishness. "These are sins which work against the harmonious and full development of your nation."

On Monday the Pope will travel to Bulawayo, capital of Matabeleland, where scattered groups of rebels from the majority Ndebele tribe have recently accepted a government amnesty to end five years of attacks and killings.

The Pope said Zimbabweans "have known the horrors of hatred and violence. They hunger for justice and peace. They desire reconciliation and harmony among the tribes and races."

Earlier, in an address to Zimbabwe's bishops, the Pope paid tribute to the church's role during the guerrilla war, saying it gave refuge to the persecuted, wounded, hungry and homeless. It was now teaching the importance of reconciliation.

But he also mentioned difficulties over Catholic education and stressed the right of parents to choose schools for their children according to their moral and religious principles.

Before the mass three women presented the Pope with gifts including a clay pot of water, traditional present for an important visitor, which one of them carried on her head to the altar.

The mass was watched from VIP stands usually reserved for rich punters and race horse owners by several members of the government including President Robert Mugabe, a Marxist, who gazed through powerful binoculars, and his wife Sally.



Pope John Paul II meets President Mugabe (left) of Zimbabwe at the State House in Harare. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Gemayel calls Lebanon a hijacked airliner

CAIRO, Sept. 11, (Reuters): Lebanese President Amin Gemayel called his strife-torn country "a hijacked airliner" in remarks published today and deplored a lack of world interest in its problems.

"Lebanon is a hijacked airliner and all passengers are threatened," he said in an interview with Cairo's Al-Ahram newspaper.

Gemayel said he was disappointed that the Lebanese question now received little international interest as the focus shifted to the Iran-Iraq peace talks, Afghanistan and Angola.

"Lebanon is on the verge of an abyss. It cannot wait any longer. Perhaps it will be lost when its turn comes," he said.

Deprived Gemayel is due to step down as President on Sept. 23 but the Lebanese Parliament has failed so far to choose a successor. Many Christian deputies boycotted the previous session to block the appointment of Syrian-backed front-runner Suleiman Franjieh.

"Unfortunately, the Lebanese are deprived of their own will. Direct foreign pressures from beyond the borders have often been translated into explosions and assassinations and the

Lebanese are scared from these interventions," Gemayel added. He cited as reasons the presence of foreign troops from Israel, Iran, Libya, Syria and Palestinians in different parts of the country.

"How can the Lebanese start a free and easy dialogue? How can someone from the Israeli-occupied south extend a hand for other parts of the country?" he asked.

Gemayel said a solution to his country's problems needed help from other Arab countries, notably Egypt and Saudi Arabia.

Despite the US election campaign, he hoped that a dialogue involving Damascus and Washington on Lebanon would bear fruit.

"It seems these contacts are still continuing and we hope they will succeed... We are looking for a normalisation of ties with Syria, which the United States is seeking," he said.

### Computer-dating

MOSCOW, Sept. 11, (Reuters): A computer-dating agency has been established in Moscow and 100 lonely men and women have already signed up to find partners, Tass said today.

## Pilot borrows from passengers to pay for fuel

LONDON, Sept. 11, (Reuters): An airline pilot had to borrow from passengers to pay for fuel to get home when officials at an Atlantic island airport refused to accept his credit card.

British Airways (BA) said the mix-up, which occurred eight days ago, involved a flight from Funchal, the capital of Madeira, to London's Gatwick airport.

As planned, the plane landed at the neighbouring island of Porto Santo to fill up after the tricky take-off from Funchal airport without a full load of fuel.

Officials, expecting a Gibraltar Airways plane, became suspicious when the BA-owned Caledonian Airways airliner being used for the flight showed up and they would not accept the pilot's aviation industry credit card used to pay for fuel.

To save time the pilot asked his 100 passengers to stump up to help pay the £1,200 (\$2,600) bill.

## Israeli leaders differ on talks with PLO

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Gaza's Sheikh Ahmed Yassin, leader of the Islamic Resistance Movement, or Hamas, also attacked the PLO for taking credit for a nine-month-old uprising which he said was launched by Muslim groups.

Interviewed on Israel television's Arabic-language service, Yassin said: "First, Israel has to say what it is willing to give the Palestinians, then we shall see (about negotiations). If Israel recognises Palestinian rights, there will be talk."

His statement appeared to soften previous hardline positions concerning Israel. Israeli political observers said Yassin may have moderated his statements in speaking to the state-owned television to send a message to the Israeli leadership that he should be considered in any talks between the government and Palestinians.

Rabin has also said Israel faces a growing chance of war in the coming year at a time when a Palestinian uprising in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip is placing heavy demands on the army.

Escapes BERLIN, Sept. 11, (AP): Two East German men fled their communist homeland to the West, but three others were caught in separate attempts to scale heavily guarded border barriers, police said today.

Border police in Munich reported today that a 25-year-old East German student fled to the West German state of Bavaria by crossing the Czechoslovak border. No other details were released.

## Thousands of sick people overwhelm hospitals

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Nine years ago, the Bangladesh government and the World Bank issued a report predicting a flood in 1988-89 inundating at least 70 per cent of the country.

The government was also advised to install small structures and ensure adequate water supplies, but there has apparently been no systematic flood control strategy since.

"The deluge this year had been predicted but not its magnitude," one official said.

Bangladesh has been flooded 26 times in the past 40 years, at least five times on a large scale, according to official records.

A UN expert said floods in the region had been exacerbated by deforestation and soil erosion in the Himalayas and by removal of natural barriers.

"It is to a large extent man-made," said Tom Elwan of the Rome-based International Fund for Agricultural Development.

The United Nations yesterday appointed the chief of its Disaster Relief Organisation (UNDRO) as co-ordinator of relief operations.

Hameed Essaifi is an acknowledged expert on Bangladesh. He visited the country last September after monsoon floods killed 1,600 people and destroyed 3.4 million tonnes of rice, the population's main staple.

Bangladesh has received pledges of \$221 million in aid for flood victims, including \$50 million from the United States. Officials said the relief supplies would start arriving in bulk from tomorrow and would be a lifeline to the worst-hit areas.

## PLO set to declare independence

ABU DHABI, Sept. 11, (UPI): The PLO, seeking to preserve a fragile unity between moderate and radical factions, appears set to declare a Palestinian independent state with only an implicit recognition of Israel, Palestinian sources said today.

The future state will be established in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip to fill a political vacuum left by Jordan's King Hussein's surprise decision to break all administrative and legal links with the territories.

The declaration of an independent state in the occupied territories and the setting up of a provisional government, probably headquartered in Baghdad, Iraq, have already been agreed to by the PLO, Palestinian officials said.

A PLO official said setting up a Palestinian state in the territories occupied by Israel in the 1967 war, means a "de facto" recognition of Israel.

## Miss America

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey, Sept. 11, (AP): Miss Minnesota Gretchen Elizabeth Carlson, a self-assured performer who wants to be a Harvard-trained lawyer, yesterday became the first classical violinist to win the Miss America crown.

Miss Carlson erupted in tears as her name was announced. She laughed and cried as she took her victory walk along the runway at Convention Hall.

The first runner-up was Miss Colorado Maya Walker, 23.

Miss Carlson, 22, is a senior at the prestigious Stanford University in California, majoring in organisational behaviour. As part of her studies, she spent a semester at Oxford University in England. She plans to attend Harvard law school.

## Former British spy says he is a convinced communist

# Blake worked for Moscow from 1953

MOSCOW, Sept. 11, (Reuters): Former British double agent George Blake, often described as one of the major Soviet spies in the West, said in an interview published today he worked for Moscow for eight years in the 1950s as a convinced communist.

Blake, sentenced in 1961 to 42 years in prison for betraying dozens of Western agents as British intelligence station chief in Berlin during the 1950s, said studying Marxist classics during his spy training had helped form his pro-Soviet views.

"I read Marx, Engels and Lenin and came to the conclusion that their teachings were not as bad as presented to us, that communists wanted to create a kingdom of equality where there

were no rich or poor," he said.

"And so I came to the conclusion that I had to help the Soviet Union in its great mission and not hinder it... it was in 1953 that I in effect began to work for the Soviet Union."

Blake escaped from Wormwood Scrubs jail in London in 1966 and came to Moscow where he was given the Order of Lenin, a top state award.

His remarks came in an extensive interview published in the Moscow daily Socialist Industry — the first he has given to any newspaper in 22 years in the Soviet capital during which his whereabouts have been kept a strict secret.

There was no immediate explanation why Soviet auth-

orities had permitted publication of an interview now, although KGB Chief Viktor Chebrikov warned recently that Western intelligence was stepping up operations against Moscow.

Blake is the last surviving member of a group of spy-diplomats who had senior positions in the British Foreign Office and the British intelligence service, SIS but worked for the Soviet Union.

The others were Donald MacLean and Guy Burgess, who escaped East in 1951 when about to be arrested, and Harold "Kim" Philby, once a candidate to head SIS, who arrived in Moscow in 1963 after he came under suspicion of working for the Russians.

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## Bid to end Tamil conflict

# Sri Lanka merges two provinces

COLOMBO, Sept 11, (Reuters): Sri Lanka has merged its Northern and Eastern Provinces under a pact with India to end the island's five-year-old ethnic conflict, a senior cabinet minister said today.

National Security Minister Lalith Athulthumudali said President Junius Jayewardene signed the gazette notification on Friday. It was effective from Friday midnight.

An Indian high commission spokesman said the merger of the two areas, where about 52,000 Indian soldiers are hunting down Tamil rebels, was stipulated under an accord signed with

India in July 1987 to end the separatist war.

Athulthumudali said the merger paves the way for holding elections for a semi-autonomous provincial council in the two provinces.

"He (Jayewardene) is going to fix the date very soon," Athulthumudali said.

Both the merger and elections are stipulated in the pact to end violence between minority Tamils, who live mostly in the two provinces, and majority Sinhalese.

Tamils complaining of discrimination by the government have demanded a separate state in the north, where they

predominate, and the east, where they are a sizeable minority.

"It's wonderful. The move is an implementation of the Indian-Sri Lankan pact and we hope the Tamils would be happy," an Indian diplomat said.

The Sri Lankan government was also expected shortly to free 500 to 600 Tamil detainees, sources said.

All the island's Tamil separatist groups accepted the accord apart from the most powerful, the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE).

Following the signing of the agreement tens of thousands of Indian troops were posted in the

north and east to disarm the Tigers, who have pressed ahead with their armed campaign.

Jayewardene's reported move follows the destruction by Indian soldiers two weeks ago of a major Tiger base in the northeastern jungles.

Indian military officials said the operation broke the back of the Tigers and should pave the way for provincial council elections.

The elections, which have been held in the island's remaining seven provinces, had been postponed until Indian soldiers managed to restore law and order.

Military sources said, meanwhile, about 20 Tamil guerrillas armed with swords hacked to death seven villagers, including five children, in an eastern Sri Lankan village.

All the casualties were Sinhalese, the sources said.

They said the attackers, most of whom were dressed in fatigues, barged into huts yesterday at Subadagama and attacked residents. Five people were injured.

"The children were sleeping and dragged out from their mats and cut with swords," one policeman said. The village was the scene of a similar attack three years ago.

## Malaria reaches epidemic proportions in Khartoum

KHARTOUM, Sept 11, (UPI): Malaria reached epidemic proportions in the flood-hit Sudanese capital with 21 deaths in the past few days, health officials said today. In some areas, up to 17 per cent of all residents may have the disease.

A daily report from the emergency health committee set up to monitor illness in the wake of the torrential rains which triggered the crisis five weeks ago, said 17 of the deaths were from two badly-hit neighbourhoods in north Khartoum alone.

**Spray**  
Nine people died in Shambat and a further eight in nearby Halfaya because of a massive increase in the numbers of Malaria-carrying mosquitoes caused by standing, open water in which the insects breed.

The committee said it would implement an emergency plan for large-scale spraying of affected areas from the air.

It stated that the dimensions of the disease were revealed by a survey in the Shambat area which suggested 17 per cent of all residents were carrying the malaria, an infection of the red corpuscles of the blood, need not be dangerous if treated early but failure to recognise or deal with it quickly leads to inflammation of the brain (cerebral malaria). High fever and death often follow.

The deaths take the number of people who have perished in the current Sudanese flood crisis to more than 90. About 250 were injured.

**Howe**  
An estimated 5 million people countrywide were left destitute and homeless by the Aug 4 deluge and subsequent river flooding which flattened houses, washed out bridges, submerged farmland and islands in the Nile rivers and disrupted all communications.

Meanwhile, British Foreign Secretary Geoffrey Howe arrived in Khartoum late Saturday for a two-day visit to look at conditions for himself.

Howe told reporters on arrival in the Sudanese capital he wanted to assess needs and then discuss further British aid to Sudan with senior Sudanese officials, including Prime Minister Sadiq Al Mahdi.

Relations between the two countries dipped in late August after the Sudanese information minister savagely attacked the limited scale of British and other non-Arab emergency aid to Sudan. Britain protested the remarks.

**Patch up**  
But Sadiq moved quickly to patch up the row, saying Sudan was grateful for the emergency tents, food, medical and other relief supplies flown into Khartoum by Arab and Western governments alike.



Supporters of Marcos celebrate his 71st birthday.

## Marcos' birthday celebrated

LAOAG, Philippines, Sept 11, (Reuters): Supporters of deposed Philippine leader Ferdinand Marcos celebrated his 71st birthday today by celebrating the former President's 71st birthday.

Meanwhile, the body of his elderly mother, still not buried, lay in a coffin in the front parlour of an old Marcos family house in a town near Laoag in the north.

The sponge cake with marshmallow icing and the body that his supporters say they will not bury until Marcos returns symbolises how some people still feel in the nation which in 1986 threw him out in a revolt.

### Rally

But only a few dozen people showed up to blow out the cake's 71 candles at a "birthday party" today evening billed by die-hard Marcos supporters as a major festival.

"You can't say the people will just forget him. He can be gone 20 years, but the sentiment for him is still there," said Rodolfo Farinas, Governor of Ilocos Norte, Marcos' home province 250 miles (400 km) north of Manila.

But although a Marcos sympathiser Farinas objected to the cake, saying it would achieve nothing.

In Manila about 3,000 Marcos supporters sang "Happy birthday" in a rally. They also burned a yellow dress symbolic of President Corason Aquino.

### Thanked

In a radio broadcast from Hawaii aired on a private Manila radio station, Marcos thanked supporters for their birthday wishes and vowed to return home.

Aquino has barred him from returning from exile in Hawaii to defend himself against charges he stole billions of dollars, saying he is a threat to security.

The military had been placed on full alert based on intelligence reports that Marcos forces were planning anti-government activities.

But armed forces spokesman Col. Oscar Florendo said of the Marcos loyalists, "They are only making a lot of noise."

## PNC meeting may be delayed: Hawatmeh

DAMASCUS, Sept 11, (Reuters): A top-level meeting due to consider forming a provisional Palestinian government could be delayed if current talks to unite opposing factions fail, a radical Palestinian leader said today.

"We should not make haste in taking decisions that might undermine the unity of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) which we achieved after five years of intensive work," said Nayef Hawatmeh, head of the Democratic Front for Liberation of Palestine (DFLP).

The Palestine National Council (PNC), or Parliament-in-exile, is due to meet in Algiers early next month. But Hawatmeh said it could be postponed unless various factions could agree on the next moves.

PLO chairman Yasser Arafat said last week the meeting would consider many options but the proclamation of a provisional government was his choice. He said a dialogue with dissident pro-Syrian Palestinian factions would reopen.

Hawatmeh said those talks.

### Rewards abolished

## Chinese efforts for reunification

BEIJING, Sept. 11, (UPI): China ended today a 26-year system of offering rewards to military defectors from Nationalist-controlled Taiwan amid reports senior leader Deng Xiaoping is seeking fresh initiatives toward reunification with the offshore island.

Since Deng returned to Beijing late last month from his summer vacation, he has mobilised officials responsible for working on reunification with the island province, Chinese sources said.

### Impatient

Taiwan has been ruled by the Kuomintang (Nationalists) since Chiang Kai-Shek fled after being defeated by the communist armies in 1949.

Deng, who turned 84 last month, has become increasingly impatient for real progress toward ending more than four decades of separate rule over the

which began in Tunis and Tripoli at the initiative of Libyan leader Moammar Khaddafi, had failed to reach agreement and would continue for the next few days.

"We believe the dialogue should take its time until we reach consensus on a joint political decision on our next moves, because holding the (PNC) session without this would lead to further disunity among the PLO," he said in an interview.

He also rejected the formation of an independent provisional government, saying it should represent all PLO guerrilla groups.

"One side wants it to be formed from independent persons not representing the resistance factions, to be accepted by the West. The other side believes that such a government should be derived from the PLO and follow the organisation's charter," Hawatmeh said.

He said Washington wanted the PLO to recognise Israel's right to exist and end the armed struggle but gave Palestinians no guarantees in return.

island, said the sources who declined to be named.

"The system of rewards for military personnel from Taiwan who defect to China's mainland has been abolished," the official Xinhua news agency quoted a People's Liberation Army (PLA) official in the coastal province of Fujian as saying.

The system introduced in 1962 "at a time of tense confrontation across the Taiwan Straits," had induced "several hundred" Kuomintang soldiers to defect, Xinhua said.

But the PLA spokesman said the latest move was "aimed at creating a more peaceful environment for improving relations between the two sides."

Hundreds of soldiers as well as several Taiwan Air Force pilots have fled to China, including two majors who defected in the early 1980s and received 650,000 yuan (\$175,675) as a reward.

## Soviet-China ties will not hurt US: Carlucci

HONG KONG, Sept 11, (UPI): Improved relations between the Soviet Union and China is not likely to threaten the security of the United States and the West, US Defence Secretary Frank Carlucci said today.

"I would expect that the dialogue between (the Soviet Union and China) will continue," Carlucci said in an address to the Young Presidents' Organisation in Hong Kong.

"But I doubt that they would return to the kind of relationship that existed in the 1950s," he said, referring to an era when the two communist giants were united in their stand against the West.

### Useful

His comments came at the end of a week-long trip to China where he discussed American concerns over Chinese missile sales to Middle East nations such as Iran. Carlucci said he was "fully satisfied" that China would exercise prudence in arms sales.

Carlucci said there was a "clear meeting of the minds" in his discussions with Chinese defence officials, especially concerning the Vietnamese withdrawal of its troops from Kampuchea and the situation in Afghanistan.

"The Chinese are now seeing us in terms far broader than just a

source of technology for their modernisation programme," Carlucci said.

In his speech, Carlucci said the US will continue stationing its armed forces abroad because of its dependence on other nations for oil and raw materials.

"The United States ... must continue its forward deployment of forces in Asia and the Pacific region. There is no cheaper way to preserve American security," he said.

The Soviet threat has not abated despite reform policies instituted by Mikhail Gorbachev, Carlucci said. He noted that Moscow has added four new divisions and increased its Pacific fleet by 40 ships since Gorbachev took power in 1985.

### Expenditure

He said Japan and South Korea should do more in the defence of the Pacific region. "I have found my colleagues in Japan and Korea very receptive to a private dialogue on this issue, but like any one else they react poorly to public lectures and punitive action by the US Congress," Carlucci said.

Carlucci said Japan was increasing its military spending, but only for defence. He said if Japan spent more than one per cent of its gross national product on defence, many of its neighbours would become "nervous."

## Reward for Sri Lankan workers

COLOMBO, Sept 11, (KUNA): The Colombo government announced today that it will reward all Sri Lankan workers completing two years of employment in any Middle East country with a special allowance of 20,000 rupees (\$660).

The announcement said those workers who take up employment through the state-run Foreign Employment Bureau or recognised recruiting agents will get the reward.

The reward was announced to curb the activities of illegal recruiting agents who often make false promises and put workers into difficulties in foreign countries.

"The Sri Lankan government cannot halt the activities of illegal foreign employment recruiting agents by imposing laws and therefore, it has decided to encourage foreign employment through agencies registered with the government by this special allowance scheme" the announcement said.

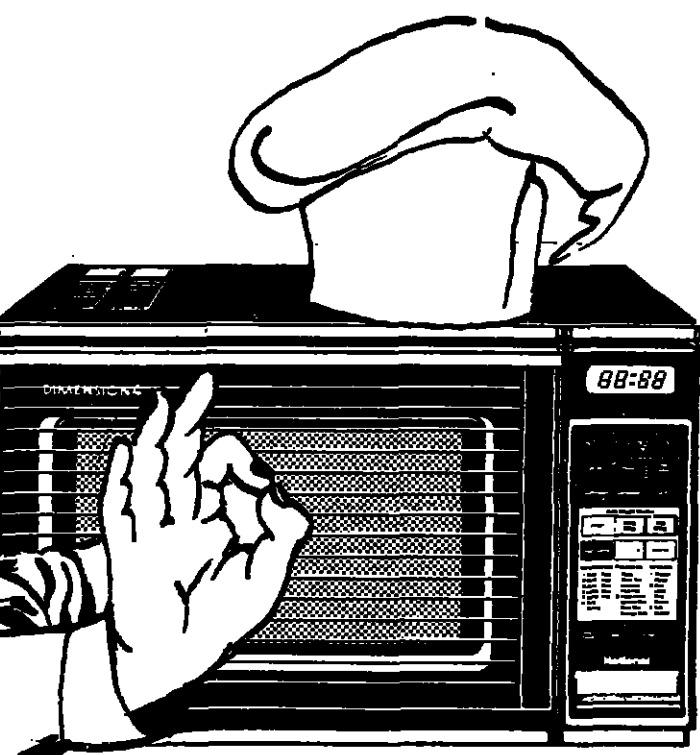
## 4 guerrillas captured

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Sept 11, (Reuters): Israeli troops captured four guerrillas near the Israeli border in south Lebanon, yesterday, the Army said.

Troops spotted the guerrillas in the central sector of Israel's self-declared south Lebanon security zone and opened fire, seriously wounding one of the gunmen, an Army spokesman said. There were no Israeli injuries.

The spokesman said the guerrillas were carrying small arms, a rocket-propelled grenade launcher and explosive material.

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## Hindus plunge into rivers during solar eclipse

KURUKSHETRA, India, Sept 11, (AP): Hundreds of thousands of Hindu pilgrims plunged into sacred rivers and pools during a solar eclipse today, believing they would be freed of sin and attain salvation, officials said. A 12-year-old boy drowned.

As the moon passed between the earth and sun at 7:45 AM (0215 GMT), worshippers chanted hymns and blew conch shells and 3,000 naked only men entered the sacred pools of San-ni-hat and Brahmavar in Kurukshetra. They were followed by an estimated 500,000 men and women, some of them

unclothed.

Many carried coconuts, auspicious symbols for Hindus, and set them in the water. Others gave alms to Hindu priests, who offered prayers to the sun. There is an ancient belief that the sun is in pain during an eclipse and prayers must be offered for its relief.

The scene was repeated, in smaller numbers, at rivers and pools across India.

According to Hindu legend, Kurukshetra was created by the Hindu deity Brahma and was the scene of an ancient battle in which Vishnu, the protector in

the Hindu deity, pleaded for righteousness.

The story is told in the Mahabharata, the epic Hindu poem of 100,000 stanzas, which says: "Salvation is verily his who bathes or gives alms at Kurukshetra at the time of solar eclipse."

The larger pool, Brahmavar, has a perimeter of about 3.5 kms (2 miles). San-ni-hat's perimeter is about half the size.

Four steps descend into the pools, which together can accommodate 125,000 people.

Bathers can stand at the bottom of the steps before the pools drop to a depth of about six metres (20 feet).

Thousands of police stood guard and directed traffic in Kurukshetra, a town of 25,000 people some 150 kms (90 miles) north of New Delhi. Divers and lifeguards kept watch over the bathers, but could not save the 12-year-old boy from drowning, authorities said.

The streets of the town were lined with beggars who, mindful of the Mahabharata's dictum that pilgrims should give alms, waited with outstretched hands.



## KUWAIT ... GULF

# Cabinet approves funds for peace-keeping force

THE Kuwaiti government yesterday approved its financial share in the United Nations international force monitoring the ceasefire between Iraq and Iran.

In its bi-weekly session, the Kuwaiti cabinet made the decision in accordance with its continuous efforts to ensure stability and security in the Arabian Gulf region.

However, State Minister for Cabinet Affairs Rashed Abdul Aziz Al Rashed did not reveal the amount of the share, nor did he explain how the Kuwaiti money will be paid.

Geographically situated between Iran and Iraq which have been at war for the last eight

years, Kuwait has been active in securing an end to the bloody conflict which resulted in the death of over a million people from both countries.

**Legislation**  
On another issue, the cabinet yesterday approved legislation concerning reorganisation of the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development and the setting up of a portfolio at Kuwait Industrial Bank for supporting the new agricultural policies.

According to Al Rashed, the cabinet, which was presided over by HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah, will submit the legislation to the Amir Diwan for final approval.

Al Rashed said the ministers were familiarised with the content of three letters sent to HH the Amir from three presidents and the head of the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

## Briefed

The first letter was from Acting Sudanese President Idris Al Banna, the second from Iranian President Ali Khamenei and the third was from French President Francois Mitterrand.

During the meeting, members of the cabinet briefed the council on the latest developments in their fields. They also reported on high-level conferences recently attended by them or their deputies.

# Physicians' Week begins

THE Minister of Education, Anwar Abdullah Al Nouri, opened the ninth annual Physicians' Week, which is patronised by HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah.

The week was organised by the Medical Students' League at the Faculty of Medicine.

The opening ceremony was attended by the Undersecretary of Public Health, Dr Nael Al Naqib, senior officials at Kuwait University and the Faculty of Medicine, the West German Ambassador in Kuwait and a large number of university students.

**Standards**  
Al Nouri praised the activities of the week and went on to say that health standards affect development policies being adopted by the state in housing, social, educational and economic fields.

He also stressed the importance of physicians and students of medicine following the latest medical developments and said that the Faculty of Medicine and its students can play active roles in studying health problems in Kuwait.

The minister then opened the medical exhibition which contains medical books, bulletins and the latest medical equipment. A number of seminars will be held during the week which will focus on medical and scientific issues.



Minister of Education, Anwar Abdullah Al Nouri, during the opening of the exhibition.

# Women drivers warned against wearing veils

WOMEN should not cover their faces with veils while driving their cars. Any violation of this rule will be reported to the authorities, according to Colonel Ahmed Al Mithouri, director of Motorways Department at the General Traffic Administration.

Discussing other department concerns, Al Mithouri said radar is now being used to help traffic policemen apprehend speeders.

With radar equipment, 50 per cent of speeders on motorways

are apprehended, he said. He also said the department plans to import more sophisticated radar equipment.

The department is particularly concerned about teenagers who do not have driving licences and who gather after midnight to race on the motorways.

**Racing**  
Officials are concerned for the safety of these youths and those of pedestrians. The state has

provided a specialised club where racing is legally permitted, Al Mithouri said.

He warned the public against crossing motorways and urged them to use the pedestrian bridges.

The Ministry of Interior has written to the Ministry of Public Health to provide a specialised ambulance and first-aid personnel to help victims of accidents at motorways, he said.

# Bhutan minister arrives in Kuwait

BHUTAN'S Minister of Foreign Affairs Lyonpo Dawa Tsering arrived here yesterday on an official four-day visit.

In an arrival statement to KUNA, the Bhutani official hailed the cordial relationship between Kuwait and Bhutan.

"We have developed very close friendly and co-operative ties with Kuwait during the past six years," he said, indicating that the two countries have many common interests.

His current visit to Kuwait is the third of its kind.

Tsering said he is looking forward to renewing and boosting contacts with senior Kuwaiti officials.

He pointed out that his country has been receiving substantial financial and technical assistance from the Kuwaiti Fund for Economic Development.

**Meet**  
The Bhutani minister is scheduled to meet with HH the Amir, HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah and Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed.

During his stay, Tsering will also meet with State Minister for Foreign Affairs Saoud Al Osaime and Labour and Social Affairs Minister Sheikh Nasser Mohammad.

Al Osaime will host a banquet

in honour of the Bhutani guest.

The Bhutani chief diplomat will meet Tuesday with officials of the Kuwaiti Fund for Economic Development.

He was received at the airport by Al Osaime, director of the Protocol Department at the Foreign Ministry Ahmed Al Ayoub and the Bhutani Ambassador to Kuwait Sangay Dorji.

**Finance**  
Bhutan established its first consulate in the Arab world in Kuwait in September 1983. The decision to establish a Kuwaiti diplomatic mission in Bhutan was made when HH the Amir of Kuwait met with the king of Bhutan during the Non-aligned summit conference in India in March 1983.

The Kuwaiti Fund for Economic Development is helping to finance several projects in Bhutan. Kuwait and the kingdom of Bhutan signed the first loan agreement worth KD2.7 million on March 16, 1983.

A number of other loan agreements between the two countries were signed after the first agreement was reached.

Kuwait and the kingdom of Bhutan signed an information agreement on June 14, 1987.

The agreement calls for exchanging expertise, information and training courses in addition to an exchange of visits.

# Banks Kuwaitise all senior posts

LOCAL banks have Kuwaitised all senior posts and are encouraging more Kuwaiti graduates to take up banking as a career, according to Yousef Al Houti, director of Savings & Credit Bank.

In the first half of this year the bank granted 1,668 loans valued at KD73.4 million to citizens to build or maintain their houses and approved 1,805 marriage loans worth KD3.6 million. The bank granted 110,418 different loans till the end of the 1987-88 fiscal year totally valued at KD1,203 million, Al Houti said.

Loan repayments during the first six months amounted to KD18 million.

The bank has stopped granting agricultural loans. However, the government is planning on asking another specialised bank to grant loans to farmers, the official said.

## Warships travel through Suez

SUEZ, Sept. 11, (AP): Four US warships have travelled through the Suez Canal on their way to the Gulf as part of a long-planned rotation plan, a canal official said yesterday.

The official, who declined to be named under canal regula-

tions, said three French warships which had been serving in the Gulf entered the canal yesterday on their way to the Mediterranean.

The official identified the four American vessels as the guided missile frigates, Doyle, Aubrey Fitch and Taylor, and the guided missile cruiser Josephus Daniels. He said they passed through the canal and entered the Red Sea Saturday night.

Sources in the Gulf told the AP that these ships are part of a long-planned rotation.

The official also said the French aircraft carrier, Clemenceau, accompanied by the Du Chayla, a destroyer, and the Var, a support ship, entered the canal yesterday and was expected to arrive in the Mediterranean later the same day.

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# Saudi Arabia braces for locust invasion

RIYADH, Sept. 11, (Reuters): Saudi Arabia is bracing for its worst invasion of desert locusts in 20 years because floods and lack of cash have hampered efforts to control the pests across the Red Sea in Sudan.

Saudi officials say there is little they can do until the swarms begin crossing the sea in November.

"We are preparing for a very severe invasion," said an official from the Jeddah-based Locust Research Centre. "Swarms are expected to hit both above and below Jeddah."

To the south of Jeddah, they could come in early November. In the north they could arrive in December, or swarms could arrive at the same time," he added.

He said the infestation is expected to be the most severe in 20-25 years.

The locust problem has already reached plague proportions in Sudan where heavy rains have helped the insects reproduce. Northern Ethiopia is also threatened with disaster from breeding locusts, a United Nations food and agriculture official said on Friday.

Swarms are expected to cross the Red Sea from Sudan as soon as immature locusts, or hoppers, mature.

Saudi officials are hopeful they can control the locusts despite the severity of the anticipated infestation. The officials said they have already made special preparations.

Earlier this year, Saudi Arabia dealt with an invasion of desert locusts in the northwest. At its peak, 19 swarms were reported in farming regions bordering Jordan. Details of damage were not released.

# Planning Institute begins training programme

By Lima Al Khalafawi

THE Arab Planning Institute began its general training programme on planning and development on Saturday.

At the opening, the institute's Director Abdulla Mohamed Ali, pointed out the role of the institute and noted its achievements. He said that the institute's general programme aims to strengthen the understanding of planning and its vital role in developing the Arab world.

**Acquainted**  
The programme, which lasts 20 weeks, includes various topics, such as economics and international relations. Ali said that trainees will be

acquainted with scientific research methods that will help them prepare studies. They will also be introduced to computers and their various applications in planning.

The programme concentrates on quantitative aspects of economic and social statistics and their importance in development plans. Trainees will also be introduced to the origin of statistics, methodologies for comparative studies and productivity charting.

The programme also includes some practical planning experiments in the form of study courses, he said.

Trainees from 14 Arab countries are participating in the programme.

The working plan also features 14 specialised short courses each of three to six weeks duration. The most important issues to be discussed are the planning and administration of marine transportation, planning industrial projects and agricultural planning.

The Director-General of the Ports General Authority, Dr Ibrahim Makkai, opened the marine planning programme on the same day.

The programme, which lasts until Sept. 28, includes studies of financing shipping operations, the principles of administration planning and administration of port operations. Eighteen students from different Arab countries will take part in the programme.



A crowd of more than 500 rushes forward at the start of the "Race Against Time." (Photo by Raad Qutaila)

# Hundreds brave storm to 'race against time'

By Jadranka Porter

HUNDREDS of enthusiasts in Kuwait yesterday joined millions of people worldwide in the "Race Against Time," a Sport Aid charity event, to raise cash for poor and needy children.

More than 500 people of different nationalities and ages ranging from 3-year-olds to people well into their 60s rushed forward at the blow of the whistle at 6.00 pm. They contributed nearly KD 1,000 to the funds collected worldwide. Donations are still welcome.

Mothers walked with their children in push-chairs while some parents had to give their small children piggy back rides soon after the start of the race. Groups of students ran, walked and cheered.

When a young girl was asked why she ran, said simply: "I am running for Africa."

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Weather conditions in Kuwait worsened a day before the race and organisers feared that a dust

storm which continued yesterday may have put off some people from joining the race.

Meanwhile, London-based organisers said the largest sport's charity event ever mounted was set to break all records in raising money for the world's deprived children.

**Rise**  
Sport Aid '88 organisers yesterday afternoon said 26 million people around the world signed up to take part in the 10-kilometre "fun-run" events, but that the total number participating could rise as high as 50 million.

Organisers said hopes were high that the race would easily exceed the 24 million pounds raised in 1986 in a similar event.

Some 100,000 people assembled in Hyde Park, Central London, for the main UK charity run.

Some 100,000 people from Islamic countries took part in the event, with Dubai being among the most prominent among the Arab world participants. It was estimated that 25,000 people in Dubai ran the "Race Against Time."

Dubai's singers and musicians who performed in a Dubai TV studio were linked via satellite to London where a massive open-air rock concert was held as part of a show transmitted around the world. Some 1.5 billion people were expected to watch the broadcast.

Scores of showbiz and sports celebrities joined the race which can help save the lives of children from impoverished countries.

## Saudis to issue new passports

BEGINNING Monday, Saudi Arabia will issue new passports to Saudi citizens, according to the director-general of Saudi Arabia Passports Department, Major-General Fahed Al Shareef.

The new passport will have 48 pages, be 125 mm by 88 mm and be green in colour. It will be valid for five years.

Current passports will remain valid until expiry, Al Shareef added.

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## Cry, baby, cry

By Fathima Ahmed

WHY is the woman burdened with misery and suffering? asks Baba (Dr Shreeram Lagoo) in *Aurat Teri Yeh Kahani* (Woman! This is Your Story). One may ask scriptwriter Mohanji Prasad, who also directs the film, the same question: Why indeed?

The opening title song puts a damper on the women's fate, saying that she should "serve (silently), forgive (unquestioningly) and obey (blindly)." Not content, the lyricist spells her doom: There is no way a woman can ever find happiness, at least not in Prasad's dismal view, as projected for three gruelling hours in "Aurat".

Savitri (Meenakshi Seshadri) cleans, dusts, cooks, serves, and washes, apart from bearing the step-mother's tor-

ture. Yet, she smiles. Such is the fate of the woman that Mohanji Prasad must have bought gallons of glycerine to manufacture crocodile tears shed by nearly all characters in the film.

Savitri's tears never dry (one reason why Meenakshi's eyes seem seductive). Viewers, though, should keep glycerine — or onions — handy if they wish to join the cry babies.

Savitri's contrived miseries follow the beaten track. Her fate is sealed; her code of conduct prescribed: she must not demand, desire, expect, feel or love anything or anyone. She must endure. Why? In Hindi films, the woman's role is defined — she is the object of ridicule, humiliation and suffering, depriving her of dignity and honour. It seems all actresses, from Meena Kumari to Rekha and Meenakshi, are destined to conform in such



Farouk Shaikh plays mama's boy in *Biwi Ho To Aisi*.

tearjerkers. Mohanji Prasad's tedious script flounders painfully depicting Savitri's woe. One must give credit to Meenakshi for rising above the mundane and injecting vigour into a listless, cheerless role, and for making the film tolerable.

Some respite is provided by the comic duo — Gaddab Ghotla, played by Pran and Kader Khan, who kidnap the wrong child and end up reducing their ransom demand from millions to a few rupees.

"Aurat..." is Prasad's victim, exploited ruthlessly for his benefit. At best, Prasad's film can be called "Woman, this is not your story."

### Biwi Ho To Aisi

J.K. Bihari attempts to show two faces of Eve — the victim and the tyrant — in *Biwi Ho To Aisi*. Shalu (Rekha) lives up to the definition of a woman in Hindi filmmaker's dictionary. She is docile, obedient, caring and loving.

Mrs Bhandari (Bindu) is not. She is domineering, dominating and rules the roost.

Though exaggerated, both characters manage to entertain, provided you suspend disbelief.

The shrill, piercing voice of Mrs Bhandari resonates as she



Rekha as Shalu in *Biwi Ho To Aisi*.

commands her "secretary" (played by Asrani) to deduct the pay of hapless servants; storms off to order her husband (Kader Khan) to "behave himself" and rushes off to the office (she is a managing director) to chat with friends on the phone, while her husband cools his heels at home.

"My word is the law," she explodes, when the meek, henpecked husband is out of line.

When the husband listens to Saigal's songs, she advises him to "enjoy pop and rock." While the hubby continues to disobey her and reminds the "Gham diye mustaqbil..." tape, she shrugs her shoulders and joins the ladies to discuss her son's arranged marriage.

Mrs Bhandari's son (Farouk Shaikh) is grossly out of line and marries Shalu, without his mother's consent, in the village. Tied to his mother's apron strings, and too timid to declare

his marriage (he can't even go on a picnic without her permission), he waits for his engagement, when Shalu dressed in bridal finery shows up at the palatial Bhandari home, called Swarg (Heaven).

There is not much bliss in the heavenly abode as swords are crossed by Shalu and Mrs Bhandari battling for supremacy, each outwitting the other to come on top. The rest of the film deals with how Shalu turns the not-so-heavenly abode into a peaceful haven while Mrs Bhandari frets and fumes and throws tantrums.

Bindu as Mrs Bhandari is just right for the role and Rekha, as usual, exudes charm. Kader Khan as the henpecked husband is amusing. Farouk Shaikh is awkward and ill at ease in the undemanding role.

The above films are by courtesy of Atharv Video, Main St., Farwaniya. Tel: 471-2900.

### At Messilah Beach

Al-Mubarakia restaurant, open 24 hours, offers buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner, as well as a variety of snacks.

### At the Holiday Inn

Al Ahmadi coffee shop offers international buffet meals at lunch and dinner from 6 am to 1 pm; a la carte also available. Fresh pastries and cakes are offered daily at the Viennese Cafe. The Hanging Babylon Gardens are an ideal place to relax with friends.

### At the Hilton

La Patisserie is promoting kiwi fruit. On offer are kiwi cakes, meringues, pies, cheesecakes, juices, milkshakes and sundae. Also enjoy freshly baked cakes, pastries and a variety of cold drinks and ice cream creations. Open daily from 10.30 am to 10.45 pm. The promotion ends on Sept 16.

The Al Dahla coffee shop offers buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner, as well as a semi-mini-business lunch. Ice-cream festival at the International Food Arcade, 4 to 10 pm; light snacks also available; open 10.00 am to 11.30 pm.

Enjoy Turkish cuisine, a la carte, at the Bosphorus restaurant. Open for lunch and dinner every day except Saturday.

The Marco Polo restaurant offers Italian food, live music and a candlelight atmosphere.

### SPORTS

**Windsurfing Regatta**  
MBH Windsurfing Regatta takes place on Oct 7. Open to men, women and teams. Entry forms available from Marine Centre (Tel: 5755960); Qabazard Marine (Tel: 4830570). For further details phone 5624111 ext. 751/739.

**Adult Softball**  
All men interested in playing in the Kuwait International Softball League contact Steve Diemer — Tel: 5315246 or Vic Mason — Tel: 5728931. Ladies interested to join the Ladies League are asked to call Rita Diemer — Tel: 5315246.

**IVth Winners Cup cricket tournament**  
The YMCA will hold the All Kuwait Open IVth Winners Cup cricket tournament, beginning Sept. 16. It will be played on Fridays and holidays at the Ahmadi Governorate Ground located behind the Computer Centre.

**Boy's Own Club**  
Boy's Own Club will organise a seven-a-side one-day football festival on the holiday declared to mark the Prophet's birthday (Oct 22/23). Interested teams can contact Milagres 3967446 or Joe D'Souza 4813622.



Meenakshi Seshadri: rising above the mundane script

## WHAT IS ON

### ARTS

**Islamic Arts Museum**  
The museum, located on Arab Gulf Street, is open from 8.30 am to 12.30 pm and 4.30 to 7.30 pm, Saturday to Thursday. A collection of the finest Islamic art objects are on show.

**Tareq Rajab Museum**  
The museum in Jabriya houses a collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world. Summer timings are 9 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm, Sat. thru Thurs. On Friday the museum is open only in the mornings.

### THEATRE

**KLT**  
KLT will hold audition for "Two and Two Make Six," a comedy, directed by Stephen Prescott on Monday (Sept 12) and Tuesday (Sept 13) at 7 pm at the KLT, Ahmadi.

**Person Unknown**  
Auditions for Kuwait Players first production, *Person Unknown*, a murder thriller, will take place on Sept 12 (Monday) and Sept 13 (Tuesday) from 7.30 pm at Messilah Beach Hotel. Directed by Paul Brown. The play will be performed from Nov 7 to 10. For details Tel: 561-1546.

### CINEMA

**Cine Club**  
**Diwaniya**  
Kuwait Cine Club will hold a weekly gathering — diwaniya — every Wednesday at 7 pm at its premises, 8 Sherif Al Radi St., Bneid Al Qar. The diwaniya is open to members, their invitees and newcomers who wish to acquaint themselves with the club's activities. Discussions at the first diwaniya will centre on weekly screenings on Wednesday nights and other topics.

**Children's Film**  
Alias the Jester, a children's film, will be shown at the British Council on Wednesday, Sept 14, 6 pm and on Thursday, Sept 15, 10.30 am. Admission is free but it is advisable to reserve seats. Tel: 251-5512; 253-3204.

### MUSIC

**Songfest '88**  
Audition for singers for the 1988 Filipino Song Festival will be held on Sept 22, Thursday, 3 pm, at Mahabuhay Restaurant. For details call Danny — 5728000 ext. 7437; Lovella — 243880 ext. 572.

**Indian Ballet**  
Northana, a dance troupe led by Mohiniyattam exponent Mrs Pramela Surendran, will stage a ballet Panchavadi, and a number of Nrithaslipas at its annual show, Nrithotsav, at the Indian Arts Circle, on Sept 22 at 7.00 pm. Admission will be strictly limited; for free passes, call 4337608.

**Sounds Great**  
Auditions will be held on Thursday, Sept 15, at 3 pm, Friday, Sept 16, at 11 am and Saturday, Sept 17, 7.30 pm, at the Universal American School, Salwa, for singers, dancers and musicians for the next Sounds Great show, to be held at the Salmiya cinema from Oct 19-22. For details ring Ken Winston or Adolf 5740256/7 or 5758870.

**Guitar Recital**  
German guitarist and composer Wolfgang Condin will give a recital at the Kuwait Hilton on Oct 19. "Hymns of Eternity," one of Condin's most significant compositions will be featured in his concert along with works by J.S. Bach and H. Villa-Lobos. Tickets are available from the Hilton lobby.

**East meets West**  
The Indian Arts Circle presents "East meets West," a musical evening, by The Fams featuring Hindi, Punjabi, Malayalam, Tamil, Konkani, Bengali, Arabic and Western music. The lead vocalist will be Susan Rego. It will be held at IAC, Funaitees, at 6.30 pm on Oct 6. Entry by passes. Tel: 2409250; 4743948 or IAC — 3904817.

**Beat Show**  
The Kuwait Goan Beat Show will be held on Oct 14, 3.30 pm, at the IAC, Funaitees. The four-hour show will feature six popular groups — City Limits, 5th Dimensions, Perfect Stranger, Stepping Stones, Next of Kin and Top Ranks. The show has been organised by the Kuwait Goans.

**Country Western Musical**  
KLT and ACT present their annual country western musical at the KLT, Ahmadi. Gala night at 7.30 pm on Sept 27. Other performances at 8 pm on Sept 28 and 29. Matinee at 5 pm on Sept 30. For bookings call 572-7558; 571-2033; 562-0332.

**Goan Fiesta 88**  
The Goan Fiesta 88 will be held on Thursday, Oct 13, to celebrate the fifth anniversary of the Young Goans Association. It will take place at the Messilah Beach Hotel's Habiba ballroom. Music by the Stepping Stones and Hurricane Alley. For details Tel: 4813740.

**Nite Flight '88**  
Airlines staff in association with SAS, Kuwait, will hold "Nite Flight '88" at the Tent —

**Dar-ul-Quran**  
Registration has begun for the first year Arabic language and Islamic teaching classes, which start on Sept 17, at the Dar-ul-Quran, Farwaniya. Free tuition. Medium of instruction is Urdu. Open to expatriates from India, Pakistan and Bangladesh. Contact the principal at Dar-ul-Quran, Farwaniya, personally, or phone on 4730335 on Saturdays, Sundays, Tuesdays or Wednesdays from 5 to 7 pm.

**Open Day**  
Steps Studio will hold a get-together for arts and crafts teachers on Wednesday, Sept 14, 6 to 9 pm.

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### SOCIAL

**Welcome Back/Welcome to Kuwait**  
The Sounds Great organisation will hold a "Welcome Back/Welcome to Kuwait" dance party at the Messilah Beach Hotel on Sept 29 at 8 pm. Music by Top Ranks and the Juke Box Band. Twist competition, and novelty prizes. For reservations and further details ring Ken Winston or Adolf 5740256/7 or 5758870. Newcomers to Kuwait are particularly welcome.

**Kuwait Players poolside BBQ**  
The Kuwait Players poolside barbecue will be held on Sept 21 (Wednesday) from 8 pm at the Messilah Beach Hotel. All prospective members and newcomers to Kuwait are welcome. Tickets — KDT per person. For reservations Tel: 394-1572.

**D'Assisi Association**  
The D'Assisi Association will hold the 8th annual thanksgiving mass on Oct 7, 8 am, at the Holy Family Cathedral. All ex-students are welcome. For details phone Augustin — 574-6754 after 6 pm or Henry — 3291909 (am).

**Varca Sporting Centre**  
Varca Sporting Centre will hold their third annual social evening at the Tent, SAS hotel, on Sept 22 at 8.00 pm. Music will be provided by Top Ranks and Stepping Stones. High-lights include beauty queen contest, ideal couple contest, fancy dress parade, games, bingo and other surprises. For reservations and details, contact Maqbool 4712900, Albert 2410461, or James 3331940.

**At the Continental**  
The Gardenia, open from 7 am to midnight, offers buffets featuring Arabic, Continental and Indian food for dinner on Thursday and for lunch on Friday.

The Darbar offers an Indian lunch buffet daily, except Friday: a la carte for dinner.

**At the SAS**  
Al Bustan features brunch for the whole family on Friday from 11.30 am to 3 pm. Enjoy your meal while Danuta and Feliks, the Duo Paradise from Poland, entertain you with a selection of melodies.

Al Bustan is featuring "Shrimps around the world," until Sept 23. On offer are shrimps in cashewnut, shrimps curry, Boston shrimps pie and "deep fried icecream."

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### HOTELS

**At the Sheraton**  
Enjoy Italian cuisine and live entertainment by the Sienna's Duo at the Riccardo restaurant. Riccardo is closed for lunch on Fridays.

Al Hambra features Lebanese cuisine on Sunday night. The Marcus Band provide live entertainment.

Le Tarbouche offers special lunch and dinner buffet featuring a selection of Arab cuisine.

The Coffee Shop offers a large variety of international cuisine including a daily special.

Experience Italian hospitality in the Riccardo restaurant with live entertainment by the Sienna Duo.

**At the Ramada**  
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## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

### KTV 1

- 3.30 Holy Quran
- 3.35 Heidi: cartoon serial
- 4.10 World News via Satellite
- 4.40 Fursan Al Hikmah: "Al Zikra Al Tayyeba," Arabic serial, with Mohammad Dafaarawi, Midhat Saleh, Hamza Shimi.
- 5.50 Children and Summer
- 7.05 Alwan
- 7.45 Quran and Science: prepared and presented by Dr Ahmad Shawki Ibrahim.
- 8.30 Wa Qalat Al Arab
- 9.00 News in Arabic
- 9.50 Al Sakiya Tadour: last episode of Arabic serial
- 10.50 Mojizah Al Sama'a: Arabic feature film, starring Mohammad Fawzi, Madiha Yusri, Alwiya Jamil, Saeed Abu Bakr. Social.
- 12.05 News Summary
- 12.10 World News via Satellite, followed by Holy Quran/Closedown.

### KTV 2

- 6.00 Holy Quran
- 6.10 Galtar: cartoons
- 6.30 The Craft of the Weaver: "Tapestry." Roger and Faye demonstrate their skills. Roger shows how he designs and weaves a woollen



Edward Woodward in *The Equaliser*, 10.30 pm, KTV 2.

- 7.00 Roving Report: weekly roundup of world news and regional events.
- 7.30 Charles-in-Charge
- 8.00 News in English
- 8.30 Miami Vice: "Lend Me An Year." The squad are after a gang laundering money in the US.
- 9.30 Private Benjamin: Judy is in for more trouble as she tries to settle down in the camp.
- 10.00 Alfred Hitchcock Presents: "Murder Party." Andrew

Walker hosts a lavish party.

10.30 *The Equaliser*: "The Rehearsal." A theatre company finds itself in real trouble after a psychopath places a bomb in their premises. Starring: Edward Woodward.

11.30 News Summary/Magazine d'Actualite/Closedown.

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

## RADIO PROGRAMMES

### BBC World Services

- 0600 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 Radio Newsworld
- 30 Religious Service
- 0100 News Summary followed by From Raj to Rajiv
- 45 Without Strings (ex 26th)
- 0200 World News
- 09 British Press Review
- 15 People's Choice
- 30 Science in Action
- 0300 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 Good Books
- 30 Anything Goes
- 0400 Newsdesk
- 30 5th and 12th Where Angels Fear to Tread; 19th and 26th Sportsworld
- 45 Reflections
- 50 Waveguide
- 0500 World News
- 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
- 30 Nature Notebook
- 45 Recording of the Week
- 0600 Newsdesk
- 30 The Stuarts (ex 26th Has Socialism a Future?)
- 0700 World News
- 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
- 30 The Cross and the Crescent (ex 26th Every Poem an Enigma)
- 0800 World News
- 09 Reflections
- 15 5th and 12th Where Angels Fear to Tread; 19th and 26th Malgudi Days
- 30 Anything Goes
- 0900 World News
- 09 British Press Review
- 15 Good Books
- 30 Financial News followed by Sports
- 45 People's Choice (ex 19th and

- 26th Sportsworld)
- 1000 News Summary followed by The Stuarts (ex 26th Has Socialism a Future?)
- 30 The Vintage Chart Show
- 1100 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 Health Matters (ex 26th Tech Talk)
- 30 The Ken Bruce Show
- 1200 Radio Newsworld
- 15 Raffles
- 45 Sports Roundup
- 1300 World News
- 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
- 30 Anything Goes (ex 19th and 26th Sportsworld)
- 45 (19th and 26th only) Anything Goes
- 1400 Outlook, opening with News Summary (ex 3th From comid)
- 45 The Third Policeman (ex 26th T. S. Eliot Poems)
- 1500 Radio Newsworld
- 15 The Stuarts (ex 26th Has Socialism a Future?)
- 45 English Songbirds (ex 19th)
- 1600 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 5th and 12th Whither Wisdom; 19th and 26th Americans in Europe
- 30 Lyrics and Lyrics (ex 5th The A-Z of Hollywood)
- 45 The World Today
- 1700 World News
- 09 Commentary
- 15 Beethoven (ex 19th and 26th New Music)
- 45 Sports Roundup
- 1800 Newsdesk
- 30 Multitrack 1: Top 20 (ex 5th From Concert)
- 1900 Outlook, opening with News Summary (ex 3th From comid)
- 30 Stock Market Report
- 45 People's Choice (ex 19th and 26th Sportsworld)
- 2000 World News
- 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary

### FM Services

- 0800 Easy Listening
- 0830 News
- 0840 Easy Listening
- 1000 Songs and Music
- 1300 Easy Listening
- 1330 News
- 1400 Classical Music
- 1600 Easy Listening
- 1700 Latin American Hour
- 1800 Pops
- 1900 Heller Skelter
- 2000 Pops
- 2130 News
- 2145 Pops
- 2200 Jazz Sound
- 2300 Easy Listening
- 2400 Instrumental Music
- 0200 Closedown

### Urdu

- 1900 Opening
- 1910 Behrman Quail
- 1916 Programme Preview
- 1920 Songs
- 1935 Press Report
- 1940 Islamiyat: Daur-e-Hazir
- 2000 News
- 2020 Songs
- 2040 Hamare Mehman
- 2100 Closedown

## CINEMA TODAY

**Al Andalus**  
Steel Dawn  
Starring: Patrick Swazi, Liza

**Al Salmiya**  
Disorderlies  
Starring: Ralph Bellamy, Anthony Gerrard

**Al Hamra**  
Al Ab Al Sharayy (Arabic)  
Starring: Nadiya Lutfi, Mahmood Yassin

**Drive-In**  
Surqah Nadam (Arabic)  
Starring: Nadia Lutfi, Mahmood Yassin

**Al Firdous**  
Mashuka (Hindi)  
Starring: Moon Moon Sen, Arun Govil, Shoma Anand

**Fababheel Open-Air**  
Pehchan (Hindi)  
Al Fahabheel

Take It Easy

**Al Jahra**  
Vigilante  
Granada

**Le Divorcement (French)**  
Salaikhah

**Mission Terminates**  
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**Raj Dulari (Bengali)**  
Almadi Drive-In

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## Thought for today

BOOKS are good enough in their own way, but they are a mighty bloodless substitute for life — Robert Louis Stevenson, English author (1850 — 1894).

## OPINION

## Iraq adopting a wise policy

THE words of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein during his meeting with Arab information ministers, truly reflects his keen memory and determination to reward those who stood with his country during the war.

The President affirmed that Iraq in its reconstruction efforts will not forget those who stood by Iraq and did not fear the sound of mortars — whether they be governments, establishments or individuals in the Gulf and Arab peninsula and some other parts of the world. The Iraqi President said: "We will never forget our friends."

Iraq, which emerged victorious after eight years of war, is now entering another eight years of reconstruction. Iraq is no longer a country with small diplomatic weight, nor is it seeking to shape its economic or political system. Under the present leadership, Iraq is a country with strong political clout.

During the past few years, the Iraqi President has called upon the private sector to wholeheartedly join the state in getting the wheels of the reconstruction vehicle into high gear and frankly admitted that the state cannot launch this programme alone.

The state's primary role, he said, is to protect the sovereignty of Iraq and create rules for the preservation of order and good relations between people.

In closing the chapter of this crazy war, Iraq opens another — the file of full-fledged maturity. The events of the past 20 years have provided Iraq with a newly developed shape and ability.

With this new capability and sense of direction of Iraq, we will find many opportunities for those who lived and felt with Iraq its sweet and bitter days during the years of war.

The opportunities for the reconstruction of Iraq will not be open to the US or other countries which believed that by threatening to boycott Iraq they could frighten the country or affect its development plans after the destructive war.

It is heart-warming that the Iraqi leadership announced that Iraq will not forget those who stood by it in its dark hours, nor will it stand against those who chose a different path.

This simply demonstrates that Iraq is above hate and the Iraqi leadership is adopting a wise policy.

Ahmed Al Jarallah

## Libya seeks to build Arab unity

By Philip Shehadi

RAS JDAYR, Libya, (Reuters): Beside the highway is a heap of rubble, all that remains of a once formidable Libyan customs and passport post at this border crossing with Tunisia.

Libyan leader Muammar Khaddafi ordered the post destroyed in a dramatic illustration of his passion for Arab unity. A loose economic and cultural grouping of North African states will, he hopes, be the first step.

A year ago, the border posts were a no man's land. But since Tripoli and Tunis re-established diplomatic ties last December, hundreds of cars and trucks pass the frontier daily.

Leaving Libya, there is a picture of Khaddafi and a sign that reads: "The great Jamahiriya (state of the masses) bids you farewell to another part of the great Arab nation."

Entering Libya, there is a green map of the Arab world and a similar sign of welcome. Incredibly, there are no Libyan officials in sight.

**Sell**  
Khaddafi, returning from a meeting last May with Tunisian President Zine El Abidine Ben Ali, is said to have passed the Libyan border stations and told his aides: "Blow them up."

Vendors now sell soft drinks and cigarettes next to piles of rubble. Long lines of cars queue for cheap Libyan petrol but not for Libyan entry or exit stamps. There is no one to issue them.

In fact, nothing stops non-Arabs who need visas for Libya from entering the Jamahiriya without them at Ras Jdayr — although they are strictly required at Tripoli Airport.

**Ties**  
Tunisia and Libya broke diplomatic ties in 1985 after Libya expelled thousands of Tunisian workers in a bid to save hard currency. Libya accused Tunisia of complicity in a 1986 US air raid on Tripoli and Benghazi, while Tunisia said Libya was harbouring dissidents trying to overthrow the government.

The coming to power of Ben Ali last November smoothed the way to a rapprochement. The two countries agreed to settle dis-

putes over the rights of Tunisian workers in Libya and to explore a host of joint ventures in the fields of agriculture, oil and water.

The two leaders met on a Libyan cruise ship in the Mediterranean last week and agreed jointly to explore for oil in once-disputed waters on the continental shelf.

The fence-mending with Tunisia is part of a broader Libyan diplomatic offensive to repair links with neighbours and break the isolation suffered after the US raid.

"For the first time in years Libya has been making friends with, instead of confronting, its neighbours," a Western diplomat in Tripoli said.

**War**  
A long and bloody war with southern neighbour Chad ended last year and Khaddafi announced last week that only identity cards would now be needed for Algerians and Libyans to visit each other's countries.

Tunisia still requires passports at the border but not visas and a joint identity card is under discussion.

Only the border with Egypt remains shut — a bid by Khaddafi to open it earlier this year met rejection from a suspicious President Hosni Mubarak, still the target of Libyan invective for the 1979 Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty.

At Ras Jdayr, relatively smart Libyan cars with green licence plates — the colour of Khaddafi's 1969 socialist revolution — queue up on the Tunisian side carrying families of tourists.

Tunisian pick-up trucks bound for Libya are packed with grapes, tomatoes and consumer goods for sale. Since the border opened, some 30,000 Tunisians have crossed into oil-rich Libya to work in hotels, farms and restaurants, Tunisian officials said.

**Restrictions**  
The border opening has been a breath of fresh air to many Libyans, subject to travel and currency restrictions since a fall in world oil prices plunged their country into recession.

Khaddafi has unsuccessfully sought mergers in the past with Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, Algeria, Morocco and Egypt.

## Camp David is unique for its high-stakes drama

By Jim Anderson

WASHINGTON, (UPI): The leaders of the United States, Egypt and Israel gathered at Camp David on Sept. 6, 1978, in the brilliant sunshine of a perfect autumn in western Maryland to pray and work for peace.

Thirteen days later, they emerged against the background of thunder and lightning storm to announce they had succeeded in establishing the groundwork for an Egyptian-Israeli peace settlement. That would include an Israeli withdrawal from the Sinai, a peace treaty between the two countries and a framework leading to Palestinian autonomy in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

It was an unforgettable moment of triumph, raising the Carter presidency to its pinnacle. But lurking in the shadows were a series of unresolved issues,

including the one that caused the Palestinian negotiations to fall apart before they ever really began: the future of the Jewish settlements in the occupied West Bank.

Camp David is unique for its high-stakes drama. It is also particularly interesting as an exercise in historical reconstruction since five of the major participants, and numerous lesser players, have written their insider accounts of those 13 days secluded in the rustic compound.

## Versions

Reading the separate versions of the handling of the crucial issue of the settlements at Camp David is a little like seeing the Japanese Samurai film "Rashomon," in which the same

crime recounted by different people becomes different events.

The settlements problem had been left until the last night of the summit because Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin simply refused to discuss it earlier or to permit any of the other Israelis to talk about it.

In his memoirs, former Secretary of State Cyrus Vance says the marathon final meeting ended early Sunday morning when "Begin finally said he was willing to give to Carter a separate letter stating Israel would establish no new settlements until the autonomy negotiations were completed."

That period was expected to be five years.

On that basis, Vance says in his

book, the Americans agreed to drop the settlements issue from the basic Camp David agreement and to handle it in a side letter.

But the late Israeli Defence Minister Moshe Dayan, who also attended that final, disagreeing in his memoirs with Vance, saying that the Israelis accepted only a three-month pause.

## Suspension

Carter, in his book, says he produced the wording of a letter that would amount to at least a 5-year suspension on new Israeli settlements in the West Bank. He says the Israelis agreed.

Dayan says Begin merely agreed to think about it and he says an Israeli letter (calling for only a three-month pause) was handed over to the Americans on

the next afternoon, just before all the officials went to the White House for the gala announcement of victory.

But, Vance, Carter and former National Security Adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski all say in their memoirs that the Israeli letter was not received by the Americans until Monday morning, after the victorious White House ceremony Sunday night.

This is more than a quibble over the recollection of a few hours. If the Israelis are right, they served fair warning before the ceremony that they were hanging tough on a central issue.

If the Americans' recollection is right, the Israelis were guilty of deception in giving the impression they had surrendered on the issue and then reneging after the

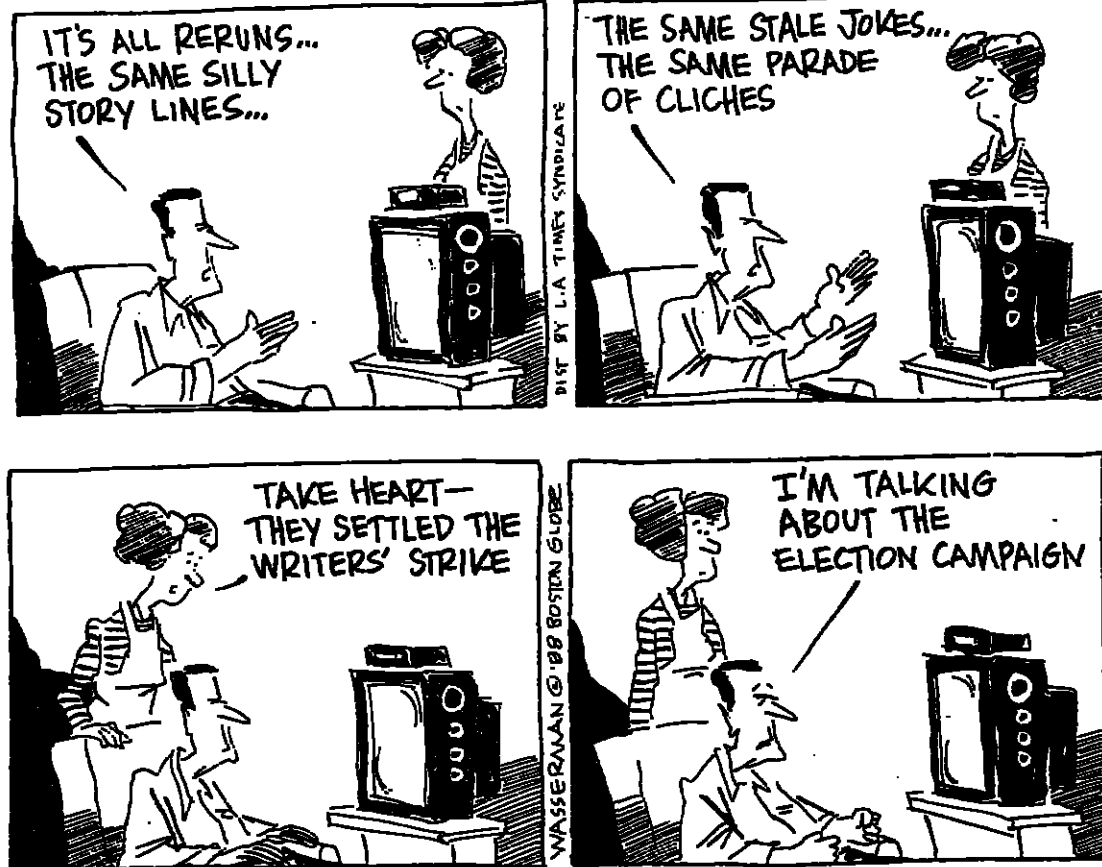
public celebration when it was clearly too late to call back the victory announcement.

Harold Saunders, the man who drafted the American version of the letter, says that Dayan and the Israelis are wrong. Since Saunders' duties included drafting and collecting the side letters, it was a matter of considerable importance to him.

He says the Israelis did not give any hint of their new position until Monday, when Israeli ambassador Simcha Dinitz came to him and said, "there's a problem with the settlement letter."

Dayan is now dead. But Meir Rosenne, another Israeli official who was present, insisted that the Israeli position was known to the American delegation at Camp David 5 1/2 hours before the signing ceremony at the White House.

## Unforgettable moment of triumph



By Arthur Spiegelman

NEW YORK, (Reuters): The 1988 presidential campaign has turned into a gloves-off, mud-slinging affair with Democrat Michael Dukakis as the main target and apparently powerless to do anything about it.

While Republicans delight in George Bush's new-found toughness, Dukakis is fuming as he fumbles to counter doubts raised about his patriotism, integrity and capacity to be president.

"The American people can smell the garbage," Dukakis said on Friday as he accused Bush and the Republicans of resorting to the ugly smear tactics of Joseph McCarthy, the right-wing senator who led a drive against alleged communists in government and elsewhere in the 1950s.

## Control

"Republicans cheered as Joseph McCarthy slandered good Democrats as communists and those Republican tactics haven't changed... they're now attacking my patriotism," he said.

Dukakis' new-found fierceness seemed to mark a tactical switch for a man known for tight control of his emotions.

In one campaign appearance after another, Bush has attacked Dukakis as an inexperienced liberal governor "coming out of nowhere," so soft on defence, crime and economics that he might endanger the United States.

Bush has seized on a decision by Dukakis 11 years ago to veto a bill that would have made Massachusetts teachers lead their students in pledges of allegiance to the US flag.

Dukakis argued he would

## US presidential campaign turns dirty

have violated the constitution had he signed the bill but millions of Americans side with Bush, unaware of the meaning of constitutional guarantees on freedom of speech and religion.

## Patriotism

"I am not questioning his patriotism, I am questioning his judgment," Bush said, raising the question of patriotism even as he denies that he is doing so.

He has accused Dukakis of being a "card-carrying" member of the American Civil Liberties Union, a 250,000-member free-speech group.

The negative attacks appear to be working.

Bush, the man many said was too weak, too bumbling and even too nice to be president, is ahead in opinion polls and Dukakis is on the defensive, his own campaign stalled.

## Outraged

Bush is not the only Republican raising doubts about Dukakis.

Republican Senator Steven Symms referred to an unsubstantiated rumour that Dukakis' wife Kitty once burned a US flag at a Vietnam war protest rally and President Reagan responded to a question about Dukakis' mental health by saying he did not want to pick on an invalid.

Reagan later apologised.

"When Samuel Johnson said 'patriotism is the last refuge of a scoundrel' he could have been talking about George Bush and his cohorts this year," Dukakis aide Larry Rasky said.

Like many Democrats he is outraged at what he regards as a

campaign of distortion and rumour-mongering.

Bob Becker, Walter Mondale's campaign manager in the 1984 election, said: "This campaign takes the gold medal for nastiness. I predicted a nasty campaign and I was right. You just don't find campaigns that heat up to this level so early."

One reason for the heat is that Bush entered the campaign with many voters thinking poorly of him. By attacking Dukakis early and often, Bush has focused attention on the Massachusetts governor's perceived shortcomings.

Normally in a presidential campaign it is the vice-presidential running mate who leads the attack but Bush seems to have no alternative.

His choice for running mate, Senator Dan Quayle, is too busy answering press attacks on his background and abilities to take aim at Dukakis.

"This is the dirtiest campaign since 1952 when Richard Nixon attacked the integrity of the Democrats but I have some faint hope that there will be a boomerang effect," said Michael Kinsley, who writes for the moderate liberal magazine New Republic.

"This is not what politics is all about and it is ugly and demeaning to us all. But that is the optimist in me speaking."

He added: "Dukakis just can't pull this kind of nastiness off. But then again I thought the same thing about Bush. Maybe if you look deep enough inside yourself, you can find the nastiness within."

By Edward Girardet

PESHAWAR, Pakistan: After eight years of relative success, United States policy toward Afghanistan is at a crossroads.

"As long as the Soviets stayed, there was no problem," says a West European diplomat in Islamabad. "America's policy of providing weapons to the mujahideen has obviously produced results..."

But with the ongoing Soviet withdrawal, Western diplomats in Pakistan say, there appears to be a virtual vacuum in US policy. It is unclear, they say, whether Washington has a strategy that looks beyond ensuring a Soviet departure.

What's needed now, according to diplomats, international relief representatives, and independent analysts, is US involvement in ending the war between the Afghan resistance and the Soviet-backed Kabul regime: helping Afghans reconstruct their country; and encouraging setting up of a representative government, without trying to impose one from the outside.

But, some sources maintain, several obstacles hinder such a US role.

● An overdependence on Pakistan as a channel for aid to the resistance and information about Afghan developments.

● US backing for the seven-party Afghan political alliance, which reportedly does not enjoy widespread, grass-roots support among Afghans.

● Fundamental differences within the US State Department and the Central Intelligence Agency, and among regional specialists on Afghanistan's prospects.

● The possibility of diminishing US interest in the region now that the perceived Soviet threat is receding.

## Confused

A US State Department official in Washington denies criticisms that US regional diplomacy has become "unclear" or "confused" in recent months.

"Basically, our policy goals remain the same," the official says. "Our first need is to get the Soviets out, but we expect them to meet their deadline (February 1989). This is a prerequisite for other points in our policy... the return of refugees, the return of Afghanistan's independence status, and self-determination of its people."

A US official in Pakistan acknowledges that: "We're smart enough to know that we're too dumb to try and influence events in Afghanistan." As the Soviets, and British before them have learned, too much meddling can only invite disaster, US

tended to 30 days in jail. The ethnic Albanian judge involved was dismissed and the terms were increased to 60 days.

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## Vacuum in US policy towards Afghanistan

officials say...

The US Congress is pushing for the appointment of a special Afghanistan envoy with ambassador status. It is more likely that Washington will send out a special assistant on Afghan affairs to the US ambassador in Pakistan.

Sources in Islamabad, Geneva, Washington, and elsewhere say differences among the State Department, CIA, and other specialists hamper policymaking. One view holds that the Kabul regime will collapse by next year the other is more cautious about the guerrillas' abilities.

## Reluctance

The Americans' claimed reluctance to intervene, however, has meant others are doing it for them — notably the Pakistanis.

According to Western diplomats in Islamabad, Pakistan prefers that a new regime in Kabul be fundamentalist, pro-Pakistan, and dominated by Pathans, the largest ethnic group and the traditional rulers of Afghanistan.

But the war has changed power roles, with minorities asserting themselves as equals. "Never again will they accept the traditional, hegemony" of the Pathans, says Louis Dupree, a specialist on Afghanistan from Duke University and adviser to the US Embassy.

Although there are differences of opinion in Islamabad, Pakistan has supported Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, leader of the extreme and fundamentalist Hezb-e-Islami guerrilla faction,

as its future man in Kabul. Allegations about Hezb attacks on other guerrilla groups, and involvement in kidnapping or killing Afghans and foreigners, first emerged in 1981. Yet, Western and resistance sources say, Hekmatyar's group has received far more weapons and funding than any other party.

US officials claim Hekmatyar's wings have long been clipped. They also argue that as he has little chance of ever making it to Kabul, it is not worth upsetting US-Pakistan relations over Pakistan's support for Hekmatyar.

Pakistan still controls distribution of weapons, however, so the US has no means of guaranteeing that aid is allocated on an equitable basis. In addition, a strong pro-Hekmatyar lobby exists in Washington, where Hezb maintains three full-time representatives.

## Distribution

Another example of US reliance on Pakistan is its endorsement of the seven-party Afghan political alliance. Many foreigners and Afghans consider it a corrupt and artificial creation of "Pakistan." "They (the Americans) are trying to boost a political entity that is worthless," says one West European representative.

Some US officials recognize the alliance's lack of legitimacy. But, says a State Department representative, "Until something else emerges, we're stuck with (it)."

The Christian Science Monitor News Service.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1571 — France's King Charles IX and Huguenot leader Admiral Coligny are reconciled; Turkish fleet attacks shipping in Adriatic Sea, and John of Austria assembles fleet to oppose them.
- 1683 — John III of Poland and Charles of Lorraine raise Turkish siege of Vienna.
- 1771 — French force enters bay of Rio de Janeiro.
- 1772 — Russia takes Baku and Derbent on Caspian Sea from Persia.
- 1801 — Alexander I of Russia announces annexation of Georgia in Russia.
- 1848 — Switzerland adopts new constitution as a federal union with strong central government.
- 1890 — British South Africa Company founds Salisbury in Roshanaland, Rhodesia.
- 1919 — Gabriel D'Annunzio leads unofficial Italian Army to seize Fiume.
- 1944 — First US troops reach German soil in World War II.
- 1964 — Dissident Army officers try unsuccessfully to overthrow government of South Vietnam.
- 1970 — Palestine commandos blow up three hijacked airliners in Jordan.
- 1976 — Chinese leaders gather in Peking for funeral of Mao Tse-Tung.
- 1986 — Israeli fighter-bombers strafe suspected Palestinian commando coastal base near south Lebanon's port of Sidon.
- 1987 — Communist rebels battle troops in fierce fighting near Manila.

## Serbian defiance triggers explosive crisis in Yugoslavia

By Ivan Stelanovic

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, (AP): The Communist Party chief of Yugoslavia's biggest republic has publicly defied the national party leadership, raising the prospect of a new political crisis in Yugoslavia, perhaps the biggest of the postwar years.

In a Tuesday speech, Serbian chief Slobodan Milosevic openly rejected a call from the federal Communist Party presidium to put an end to increasingly boisterous nationalist rallies in his province.

In the rallies, hundreds of thousands of Serbs and Montenegrins demonstrators claimed their fellow Slavs were suffering mounting harassment and intimidation from ethnic Albanians in southern Kosovo province, where 90 percent of the population is of Albanian descent. Such demonstrations in Kosovo had been banned by the federal presidium.

Two rallies took place in Montenegro, one of them in Titograd,

involving 30,000 people.

As in previous recent mass protests organized by a committee of Milosevic supporters, the demonstrators shouted "Give us arms" and "Army to Kosovo" — demands viewed as very serious in Yugoslavia, where ethnic hostilities can be strong. The Serbian leadership has demanded that the national Army be sent to Kosovo to restore order.

Commenting on the showdown between Serbia and the presidium, the daily Vjesnik newspaper of Zagreb said the very foundation of the Yugoslav communist state hangs in the balance.

"We are witnessing a sharpening of nationalism and chauvinism on the entire Yugoslav territory," it said.

Milosevic's "organizing committee" had planned to hold rallies this weekend in Jajce in Bosnia, the birthplace of postwar Yugoslavia. Holding a rally there could have had a strong emotional effect and anger other Yugoslavs.

Jajce officials immediately rejected the plan, but the Serbian leader's supporters said they would go ahead with "a solidarity meeting" in Jajce on Sept. 17.

## Patience

Milosevic has declared that the minority Serbs and Montenegrins in Kosovo have "shown patience for the inefficiency of this country and the incompetence of its representatives."

In Tuesday's speech, he asserted Yugoslav leaders had failed to honour pledges to bring peace to the region.

In a fresh rally, more than 10,000 Serbs and Montenegrins assembled Thursday night at the Kosovo town of Vucitrn to protest "aggressive assaults by (ethnic) Albanian chauvinists and separatists" that allegedly were continuing, the Belgrade daily Politika reported.

The direct cause of that rally was an attack last week on the house of a Serbian woman. Two ethnic Albanians, convicted of damaging the house, were sen-

tenced to 30 days in jail. The ethnic Albanian judge involved was dismissed and the terms were increased to 60 days.

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Within hours after the Serbian speech Tuesday, the

Yugoslav Communist Party's Central Committee scheduled a session for late September that is expected to take action on Kosovo and consider Milosevic's actions. But no solution acceptable to either side is in sight.

For one thing, the Yugoslav central committee must take into account the vast popular support Milosevic enjoys in Yugoslavia's biggest republic and the influential Belgrade press.

Demonstrators were heard singing a folk song that boldly compares him to the late President Josip Broz Tito, the virtually uncontested leader of non-aligned Yugoslavia for three decades.

## Portraits

Now, the number and size of Milosevic portraits carried by the protesters at Serbian rallies by far surpass those of Tito.

On the other hand, Milosevic, while riding a wave of popularity in Serbia, may well be counterbalanced or even outweighed by cautious leaders from other parts

of Yugoslavia, particularly in the wake of his open defiance of federal bodies.

Most Belgrade newspapers have kept reporting that more than 30,000 Serbs and Montenegrins left the province in recent years because of persecution. They have attributed to Albanians many alleged cases of cattle-killing, arson attacks, rapes.

Ethnic Albanians rarely are given a chance to respond in print to what some claim are grossly distorted accounts.

In the officially controlled press, the Slav exodus is entirely blamed on the Albanians, some 500 of whom are estimated to be in jail for spreading hostile propaganda. But economic reasons are also believed to be involved in the exodus, and to have affected Albanians as well as Slavs.

An Albanian-language newspaper, published in Pristina, the capital of Kosovo, recently reported that some 9,000 ethnic Albanians had left their homes for economic reasons.

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It's not in the mind

# Migraine: taken seriously at last

By Lidia Wasowicz

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — No longer derided as neurotic hypochondriacs, headache sufferers are coming out of the closet. With them are emerging new theories and treatments that may lessen the pain for sufferers.

New scientific data on the agonizing "throbbing," "burning" or "bursting" in the skull, behind the eyes or on the side of the head are prompting doctors to focus on therapies that go beyond a painkiller prescription, which may actually worsen the condition.

Increasingly, physicians are even recommending steps toward headache prevention with doses of such drugs as those commonly used for heart problems, depression and arthritis.

With evidence pointing to biological causes rooted in the complex chemistry of the brain, headaches are finally beginning to be perceived as a genuine disease.

"Medical science historically believes that which we don't understand is psychological. We used to think of epileptics as crazy people," said Dr. Joel Saper, director of the Michigan Headache and Neurological Institute, the first such centre in the United States.

"Now, we have reached somewhat of a revolutionary time in headache research. We are going through an evolution of knowledge and are rethinking our entire attitude toward headache, which is beginning to be seen as a serious illness."

## Control

Doctors now can control constant headaches and/or their accompanying constellation of symptoms in up to 90 per cent of patients, but there still is no cure for the chronic disease, said Saper.

The search for a cure is hampered by difficulties inherent in attempts to study brain function and an ailment as subjective as pain, which cannot be measured like, say, blood pressure.

"If we suspect liver problems, we draw blood and run a series of tests," Saper said. "But if something goes awry with a neurotransmitter (a chemical in the brain), we have no good test to determine exactly what the matter is."

In addition, there is no 'animal model,' like the mice used in cancer research, for studying the physiologic mechanisms underlying headaches.

Although the exact cause of chronic headaches remains a mystery, studies have disclosed the importance of heredity. Nearly 88 per cent of migraine sufferers share the disorder with at least one member of their family.

Saper said a person's sex also plays a role. In children ages 9 to 12, boys and girls have an equal number of headaches, but 12 years later — between ages 21 and 24 — women comprise 80 per cent of the victims.

"We now know estrogen has a direct impact on certain brain centres and blood vessels and

that hormonal milestones such as menstruation, pregnancy, use of oral contraceptives, menopause all have direct influence on migraine headaches in women who are genetically predisposed to get them," Saper said.

More than a dozen other triggers of chronic headaches have been identified, including stress, alcohol, such foods as bacon, chicken livers, Chinese food, chocolate, herring, aged cheese, coffee or tea which contain headache-inducing chemicals, environmental pollutants, smoking, head infections and injuries, and even sleeping late on weekends.

Researchers have found migraines can set off a variety of symptoms, including weakness, numbness, difficulty in speaking, visual abnormalities, blood pressure elevation or decrease, changes in the balance of body fluids, pain in the abdomen, arms or legs, dizziness and thinking disturbances.

"We have uncovered new

and important neurotransmitters and how they work together to turn on or off pain signals," Saper said.

"One important new piece of information is that many of the people who suffer an occasional migraine during their youth will develop daily headaches later in life. Migraine appears to go through an evolution in many people and can become a progressive disease that worsens over time."

Until recently, researchers divided chronic headaches into specific categories with different treatments: tension headaches, named for muscle contractions in response to stress, and migraine or vascular headache, presumed to be triggered by changes in blood flow but recent studies indicate most patients share both aspects of headache.

## Important

Although blood vessels and muscles are still considered important, they are no longer seen as the original cause of pain. Instead, changes or disturbances in brain signals may be the main culprits.

Saper and some other researchers believe an excess or deficiency of brain chemicals — including norepinephrine, serotonin, prostaglandins and endorphins — plays a part.

"These brain disturbances appear to link up with physiological changes outside the brain in the blood vessels and nerve networks to create circuitry that we think is the process by which migraine occurs," Saper said.

The multiple triggers and uncertain underlying causes can make treatment decisions difficult. The solution may be as simple as taking the patient off alcohol or cigarettes, changing his diet or starting relaxation exercises.

For the harder cases, drugs remain the major weapon.

Saper warns against taking any pain reliever more than twice a week.

"We know now too much



## Hormone link to migraine

By Jill Sherman

RESULTS of research confirming links between hormonal changes and migraine during the onset of menstruation, which could lead to improved treatment, are to be presented to the Migraine Trust International Symposium in London soon.

The research, undertaken by Dr. Frank Clifford Rose, from the Princess Margaret Migraine Clinic at Charing Cross Hospital, central London, shows that female sex hormones can influence migraine attacks.

The researchers are said to have found that a premenstrual fall in oestrogen levels can initiate migraines. The administration of oestrogen can delay attacks.

The study could lead to a breakthrough in treatment for

women who suffer migraine attacks in the first two days of their periods. Already in France women are given percutaneous oestradiol, and oestrogen gel that can be absorbed through the skin.

However, migraine experts say that many other factors could trigger off an attack.

"While a drop in oestrogen could trigger an attack at the onset of menstruation this will often come with another trigger such as lack of food, stress, alcohol consumption," Dr. Joseph Blau, a consultant neurologist at the National Hospital, central London, said.

Dr. Blau said it was very difficult to distinguish menstrual migraine from other types of migraine. "Some migraine attacks in women are hormone related. In some it is a triggering mechanism, but this is not always the case."

Headaches have at last been classified under 13 distinct headings, each with sub-sections. The basic classifications are:

1. **Migraine:** episodic attacks of throbbing head pain lasting for about a day. Treatment only with preventive drugs as described on the left.

2. **Tension-type:** start at the back of the head with a sensation of stiffness and may feel as if an iron band is gripping the head. Can be chronic, unlike episodic migraine. Respond well to tricyclic drugs which are anti-depressants.

3. **Cluster:** said to be more painful than migraines. Occur in clusters, lasting six weeks to three months, usually once a day — often waking the sufferer in the middle of the night. Six

times more frequent in men than women. Easily treated with ergotamines. Another type requires lithium.

4. **Miscellaneous:** including the three types of "sex headache." First, and most serious is an aneurism, which can be ruptured during orgasm when blood pressure shoots up — and prove fatal. "Nelson Rockefeller may have had one," Clifford Rose says. Second, the benign orgasmic headache, which occurs more frequently in men than women and often in migraine sufferers and happens at the moment of orgasm. Third, a headache before orgasm. "Can be very disconcerting," Clifford Rose says, "although not serious." All respond well to aspirin-type painkillers.

5. **Traumatic:** result of injury.

No treatment. Improves as the injury heals.

6. **Vascular:** due to constriction in the arteries, blood clots, stroke. Temporal arthritis can be the cause of painful headaches in the over-55s with a history of rheumatic aches. If not treated this can lead to blindness because it is an inflammation of the arteries, including those to the eyes. Responds well to steroids.

7. **Raised pressure:** from tumours, meningitis. May be accompanied by vomiting, and be worse when coughing, sneezing. Different treatments.

8. **Drug induced:** includes the "hot dog headache" — from eating meat cured nitrates, "Chinese restaurant syndrome," from monosodium glutamate, and hangovers.

Treatment: abstinence.

9. **Infectious disease induced:** viral, bacterial, AIDS, septicemia. Treatments depend on cause.

10. **Induced by metabolic disorders:** such as hypoglycaemia (low blood sugar), high altitude.

11. **Referred headaches:** symptomatic pain "referred" from other parts of the body. The cause must be located and treated.

12. **Neuralgias:** pain in the nerves, which may be precipitated by the cold. Responds well to treatment with tegretol.

13. **Non-classifiable:** all the rest of the vague twinges that most of us experience.

# Single-injection cancer treatment goes on trial

CLINICAL trials are just starting in Britain with a new single-injection cancer treatment that has already saved lives in two seemingly hopeless cases of brain and spine tumours.

Doctors at the London-based Imperial Cancer Research Fund (ICRF) say their successes may not only lead to treatment of cancers in the fluid and thin membrane surrounding the brain and spinal cord, but could also supplement or replace conventional radiotherapy.

The trials follow a pilot study of 15 patients with various cancers which was carried out by the ICRF at the United Kingdom Institute of Child Health in London, and at the Frenchay Hospital in Bristol, southwest England. Of the 15, the fund says two brain tumour patients for whom there was no hope are alive and well today, and six other patients have been given longer lives of good quality.

One of those saved was an 18-year-old youth who was walking unsteadily and had become impotent as a result of

cancer of the spinal cord following treatment for a brain tumour. But after a single injection nine months ago he is now fit and well, working as a car mechanic and has regained his sex drive.

Another patient, a Dutch woman in her 30s, was sent to Britain by cancer specialists in Amsterdam because they could do no more for her. She originally had an advanced ovarian cancer and then developed tumour nodules all the way down her spine.

After two years she was almost unable to walk and had difficulty in controlling her bladder. But again, after an injection by the ICRF researchers, she is back home, and nine months later is able to ski, ride her bicycle and play squash.

In the full clinical trials now following up the pilot study, sufferers of medulloblastoma, a form of brain tumour affecting about 100 children and young adults every year in Britain, will take part. Consultant neurosurgeon Hugh

Cookham explained: "Standard treatment for these patients is surgery followed by radiotherapy. Some are also given drug treatment."

"But many patients reach a stage where there is nothing to offer because they have received the maximum amount of conventional therapy tolerable. This was the position of the patients in our pilot study."

The new treatment uses monoclonal antibodies, popularly called "magic bullets." These agents, based on natural mouse antibodies, are designed and made in the laboratory to home in on cancer cells and stick to them.

Cell-killing radioactive iodine is attached to the antibodies, which are then used as single injection into the fluid surrounding the brain and spinal cord. Because these "bullets" go straight to the cancer cells there are very few side effects. External radiation, by contrast, not only irradiates the tumour but also the rest of the brain, which can damage intellectual function.



In the London laboratory of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, Dr John Kenshead uses the magnets that draw out harmful cancer cells.

The antibody therapy is also moving to clinical trial as a treatment for tumours growing in the thin membrane covering the brain and spinal cord, and to deal with the cancer cells that are released and float in the fluid that surrounds it. The researchers plan to exploit the idea further with a new pilot study on children who have leukaemia.

This appears to be another promising area as the form of cancer involved nearly always concerns the fluid surrounding the brain and spinal cord. Again the new therapy will be used only after the normal radiotherapy and drugs have failed to arrest the disease.

John Kenshead, head of the

ICRF oncology laboratory at the Institute of Child Health commented: "As with all possible new approaches to cancer treatment, there was great initial excitement about monoclonal antibodies, but our current experience tell us we cannot use them to deal with large, solid tumours."

## Protein key to thrombosis

RESEARCH by four doctors from the Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service in Edinburgh and Scotland's Aberdeen University has led to the isolation of a protein believed to play a significant role in the development of thrombosis.

The investigation, which was funded by the British Heart Foundation and the Scottish Home and Health Department, suggests that a high plasma concentration of the protein PAI-1, which is found in platelets and plasma as well as cells lining the blood vessels, may increase the risk of thrombosis. An anti-serum prepared from cell-cultured PAI-1 is to be used to find out if this is so.

The British Heart Foundation has now provided a further \$30,000 backing for the work and this will be used to investigate the role played by the protein in regulating the process by which clots are removed from the circulation.

# Fish oil may help prevent heart attacks

By Paul Reccer

WASHINGTON, (AP): Oil from cold water fish, shown by several studies to help prevent heart attacks, may work its magic by retarding a growth protein that promotes clogged arteries, a researcher says.

Paul L. Fox of the Cleveland Clinic Research Institute said recently that test-tube experiments showed that oil extracted from the flesh of fish that live in cold water decreases levels of a protein called the platelet-derived growth factor.

Reducing this protein, Fox said, suppresses the growth of smooth muscle cells in arteries and, thus, helps stem the blood-vessel narrowing that can lead to a heart attack.

But Fox said the finding does not mean that people should start taking fish-oil pills as a heart attack preventive. More study needs to be done before there is proof that such dietary supplements can be effective, he said.

Several studies, including research among Greenland eskimos and fishermen in Japan and Holland, have shown that a diet rich in fish may be responsible for the low incidence of heart disease among those groups. Researchers previously have suggested that the reason fish diets are beneficial is that the flesh of cold water fish, such as cod, halibut and tuna, contains an oil that is rich in a particular type of fatty acid.

But Fox said researchers still are not sure precisely how the oil works to prevent heart attack.

Some researchers have suggested that the oils reduce the

blood levels of cholesterol and triglyceride, both of which play a role in the narrowing of arteries. Others suggest that the fish oil changes the clotting rate in the blood, which helps prevent blockages.

Fox said he and his collaborator, Paul E. DiCorleto, have found still another way in which fish oil may fight heart disease.

In test tube experiments, Fox said his team has found that the fish oil reduces by 50 to 85 per cent the production of the platelet-derived growth factor protein. He said similar tests using peanut oil had no effect on the growth factor production, while safflower oil was less than 10 per cent as effective.

Factor He said the growth factor protein normally stimulates the growth of smooth muscle cells, which line the outside of arteries. Fox said the growth of these muscle cells is thought to promote the lesions in the arteries that can lead to blockages, the basic problem in the heart disease process called atherosclerosis.

He said all three theories need to be tested in humans or animals. Only then, said Fox, will it be known exactly how fish oil works to reduce heart attack, and in what form the oil should be taken into the human diet.

The oil from cold water fish is more fluid than oil from beef, and is less likely to produce the solid molecules that can clog arteries, said Fox. Fish living in deep, cold water, he said, are thought to have developed this oil in their bodies to help them function in the chill depths where they live.

## FAMILY DOCTOR

By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

## 'BEZOAR' A BALL-LIKE MASS FOUND IN THE STOMACH

QUESTION: It came up in a discussion of trivia over dinner, and my friend insisted that it was a medical condition, while I think it's a type of fur piece. Your answer will settle the bet. What's a "bezoar"?

ANSWER: A curious thing to discuss over dinner! And sorry, but your friend wins. A bezoar is a curious, ball-like, accumulation or concretion of hair or vegetable matter found in the stomach. It is rare in humans, more common in animals. In humans, delayed emptying of the stomach may be one of the factors in its formation, and it is more likely in people who suffer stomach complications of diabetes.

Balls made of shellac or bubble gum have been seen, but most often they are composed of hair, wool, oranges or persimmons. Generally they cause no symptoms and, when discovered on X-rays, may be diagnosed mistakenly as tumours. In contrast, it's a "boa" that women wear, a long ornamental scarf of fur, feathers or other material, and which is derived from the Latin word "boa," or "bova," which means a "water serpent," or "bova." ACROSS MY DESK: Sometime ago I

published a report about the use of hyperbaric oxygen in relation to the treatment of multiple sclerosis. The mail has been voluminous, but not all letters were votes in favour of the inclusion of this information in my column. While there were statements of effectivity, and even a letter from a hospital who offered such treatment, the statement of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, as forwarded to me by the Wisconsin chapter, deserves attention.

It reads as follows: "Following the anecdotal reports in the literature and through the media, hyperbaric oxygen (HBO) received attention as a possible symptomatic treatment for multiple sclerosis. In order to better evaluate whether HBO affects multiple sclerosis beneficially the National Multiple Sclerosis Society funded a controlled scientific trial with a small number of patients, the results of which were published in 1983. Because the data suggested some moderate improvement, further controlled studies were initiated in several medical centres around the world. Three studies were presented at a major neurology meeting. The results of these studies indicate that positive effects claimed for this therapy

are probably due to a placebo response, with an occasional temporary improvement in bladder function seen in some cases. The physicians involved have concluded that adequate testing has been done with hyperbaric oxygen, and that the findings of functional change are at best, minimal."

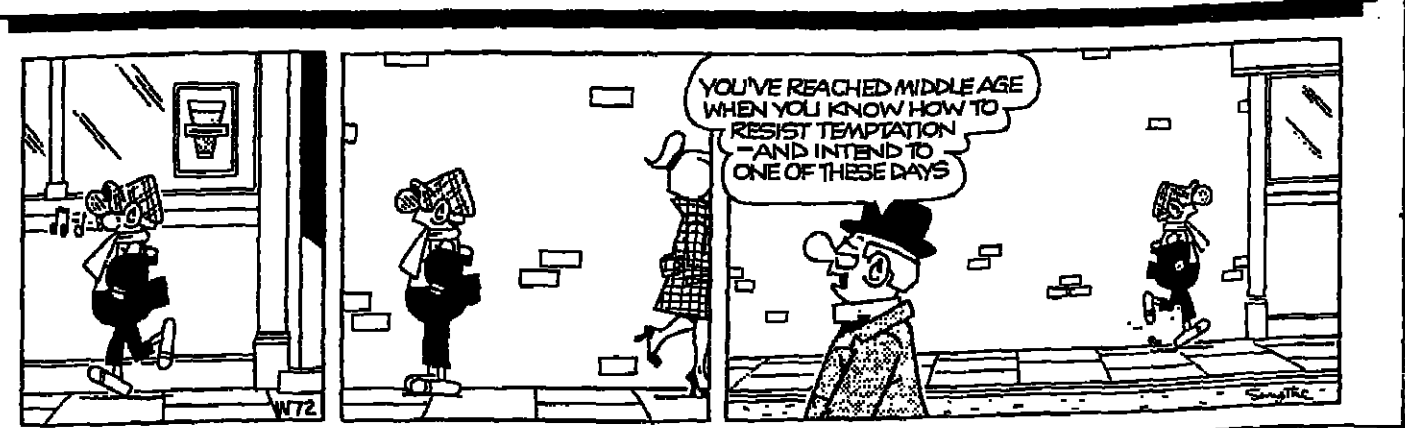
Because of the minimal benefit demonstrated, the high cost and the lack of third-party reimbursement, the medical advisory board of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society does not recommend the use of HBO as a treatment for multiple sclerosis.

Its letter stated: "Information provided by the society is based upon professional advice, published experience and expert opinion. Information provided in response to questions does not constitute therapeutic recommendations or prescriptions. The National Multiple Sclerosis Foundation recommends that all questions and information be discussed with a personal physician."

It would seem that for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society at least, the case for HBO is closed.

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## ANDY CAPP



By Smith



## WOMEN

By James Roberts

IT hardly seems possible that another drama could befall superstar Elizabeth Taylor...

Yet the 56-year-old actress, who has already won battles against booze, drugs and food and emerged looking happier, more beautiful and slimmer than ever, is now being racked by a new heartache. She is facing a delicate spine operation that could leave her a cripple.

And this time there seems no alternative to surgery for the movie queen who has suffered from a history of back problems. The final straw came when she fled in agony from the set of her latest film Zeffirelli's Young Toscanini, in which she plays an opera singer.

And, to make matters worse, the movie which was Liz's first big screen role for seven years, hit trouble too.

It was withdrawn from the Venice film festival in protest at the controversial The Last Temptation of Christ being included.

But, as Liz convalesces in the exclusive St John's Hospital in Santa Monica, California, where she booked in under the name of Beth Warner, her mind is firmly on the operation she must have, to save her from becoming disabled.

A friend of the seven-times married star says: "Liz knows this is her last chance to sort out her back trouble. She has been warned that even after an operation she stands a 10 per cent chance of having to live in a wheelchair."

## Crisis

Liz's latest crisis began with a fall at a Fourth of July party thrown by millionaire Adnan Khashoggi, in Marbella, Spain.

She was flown to Ibiza for treatment, then went to Rome to shoot scenes for her new movie, where she spent much of the time between takes in a wheelchair.

After several days filming, Liz was flown to Los Angeles in the private jet of her latest boyfriend Malcolm Forbes. Liz's back problems began in 1944 when, as a child star, she fell from a horse, crushing discs in her spine during the filming of National Velvet.

Liz's tragedy comes just four years after she entered the Betty Ford clinic determined to put the horror of too much bourbon and barbiturates behind her

## Liz Taylor in crisis again

Hollywood superstar Elizabeth Taylor has been dogged by drama all her life. Now, looking slimmer and more beautiful than ever, her career is being threatened yet again...this time by a spine operation that could leave her in a wheelchair.



Elizabeth Taylor: her latest crisis began with a fall she suffered at a party thrown by Adnan Khashoggi in Spain

and recreate herself as the world's most glamorous star.

The fat and bloated body has been shed and was revealed — a svelte and voluptuous Elizabeth. Once again she is a woman whose entrance can stop conversation and turn every eye.

But it has not been easy. "There's no question that I would have killed myself if I had gone on," she says now. "Drink gave me Dutch courage because I was shy, but I'd got to the point where it was pure self-destruction. I realised I had to do something, not just for my family, but for myself."

When she was admitted to the Californian clinic, Liz was finally able to face her problem and introduced herself at meetings as "Elizabeth...an addict and an alcoholic."

For several months Liz then

began to replace booze and pills with food. She explains: "At the centre they tell you just to take one thing at a time. They don't encourage you to stop smoking or to diet while you are there, because you need 100 per cent concentration for other goals."

"When you stop drinking your metabolism goes through a terrific change. When I got out, I'd lost 11 pounds in blot but started putting on just plain, solid fat from all the sweet things I was eating, particularly chocolate."

**Avoided**  
"I avoided looking in the mirror for so long that I allowed myself to become really obese — and I didn't see it. After about three months I felt so good inside, such a sense of peace, that I did take a long look at myself and decided to try and make my exterior match

my interior."

Besides her recent traumas, Liz has undergone more personal dramas than most people experience in a lifetime — six husbands (she remarried Richard Burton), widowhood, infidelity, betrayals and the death of close friends. She has managed to bounce back to the top so often that it's easy to believe she must be made from rubber.

The worst of her troubles stemmed from the failure of her six year marriage to Virginian senator John Warner. She had wanted this to be the last and most successful of her marriages. She used her passion to get him elected. Yet at the end was expected to do nothing more than the traditional Washington wife, sitting at home giving dinner parties for political VIPs.

But Liz has never been content to live in somebody else's shadow.

"There just wasn't room in his life for me," she says. "Politics is a very hard mistress to fight. She was a lady I couldn't cope with."

Now Liz says defiantly: "I'm much more at peace with myself. I've realised there's a wonderful world out there for me."

Liz has said she only really loved two of her husbands — her second, producer Mike Todd, who was killed in a plane crash only 13 months after their wedding — and actor Richard Burton.

She confesses: "After Mike, I thought I'd never love again. Then along came Richard and I realised that my love hadn't dried up after all." She married Burton in 1964 — after the disastrous marriage to Eddie Fisher.

When Liz re-emerged looking as slim and beautiful as ever her career, for a time, was put on the back burner. She immersed herself in other causes — the campaign against AIDS for example, of which she is national chairwoman in America.

She says: "Most people think I became involved with the Foundation because of Rock Hudson, but I was in the chair at the first benefit dinner, seven

months before I knew Rock was sick."

"I got involved because I was so angry. The attitude that people had — the bigotry! Nobody was doing anything and that incensed me. I don't think people can think about it enough until after a cure is found."

## Appear

Liz continues to appear all over the USA at benefits for the victims of the deadly disease and she indirectly gives huge sums of money to the campaign. She recently endorsed a new perfume, Passion, and although she receives a royalty on every bottle sold, a proportion of the profits also goes into the funds for AIDS research.

Since the actress has expressed her desire to work she has, not surprisingly, been inundated with offers. The American soaps are clamouring to snap her up — each offering a huge package (\$700,000, is the highest figure rumoured, for 10 episodes of Dynasty).

Liz also believes she has at last worked out what went wrong with her marriages. "Marriage fails because of the lack of communication," she says. "When people stop talking and listening, that's when the trouble starts."

Liz certainly has enough men who would like to lead her up the aisle again. One of the top candidates is Hollywood smoothie George Hamilton.

Elizabeth says they have a wonderful time together. "George has one of the best senses of humour around," she says. "Of Elizabeth, George says: 'With everything she's been through, she's still wonderfully naive.'"

## Intriguing

Most intriguing of all is Elizabeth's relationship with whacky pop star Michael Jackson. He sends her roses, love letters and poems and telephones her several times a day. "I adore him," Elizabeth says. "He's the sweetest person in the whole world."

He believes she's the only woman he's ever met who truly understands his problems because, like him, she's been a star since childhood.

Lionel Ritchie reckons



Liz Taylor who has already won battles against booze, drugs and food is now racked by back trouble

Michael's sanity was saved by his relationship with Elizabeth. "They both know about isolation and loneliness," he says.

Neil Simon, the award-winning playwright, is another suitor. And, although Liz broke off her engagement to Mexican lawyer Victor Luna, they remain friends. But the most recent contender is Malcolm Forbes, 70, the publishing tycoon whom Elizabeth has been dating for the last year.

Another of Liz's more recent friendships is with singer Barry Manilow. "She's the most feminine person I've ever met," he says. "You really feel like a man around her. Even though she's older than I am she still turns me on."

But whoever marries Liz will be marrying a woman of untold wealth. She lives in the Kirkeby Mansion in Los Angeles' Bel Air, the most expensive suburb in the world.

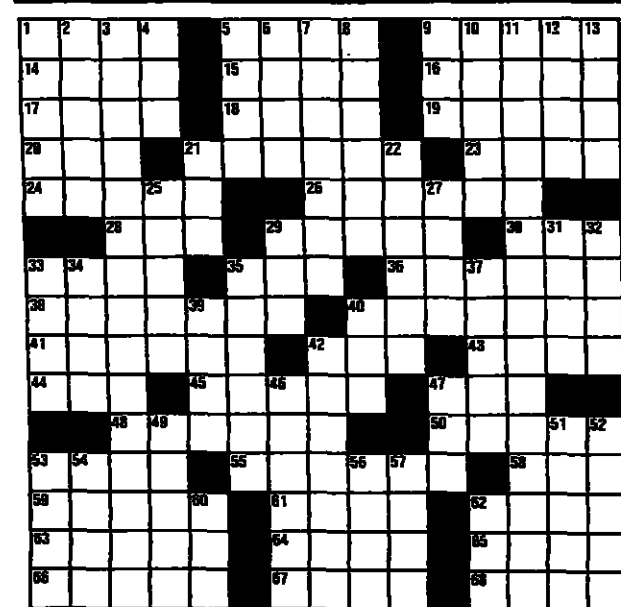
Her \$26 million house is crammed full with works of art, with a Renoir, a Van Gogh, a Degas and several Utrillos in the sitting room and an Augustus John hanging over the washbasin in the powder room.

The man of her choice is not likely to be short of money of course, or diamonds.



Doctors say that even after an operation, Taylor stands a 10 per cent chance of having to live in a wheelchair.

## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



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## ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF  
WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—As South, vulnerable, you

hold: ♠AQ74 ♥J8 ♦A87 ♣A654

The bidding has proceeded:

South West North East

1 ♠ Pass 1 ♥ Pass

1 ♣ Pass 1 NT Pass

What action do you take?

Q.2—As South, vulnerable, you

hold: ♠Q92 ♥Q10873 ♦8762 ♣5

Partner opens the bidding with one club. What do you respond?

Q.3—East-West vulnerable, as

South you hold: ♠KQ1052 ♥AJ32 ♦95 ♣82

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 ♠ Dbl ?

What action do you take?

Q.4—As South, vulnerable, you

hold: ♠93 ♥KQ87 ♦A954 ♣Q103

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 ♥ Dbl ?

What action do you take?

Q.5—Neither vulnerable, as South

you hold: ♠J93 ♥K85 ♦72 ♣A8763

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 ♥ Dbl ?

What action do you take?

Q.6—Both vulnerable, as South you

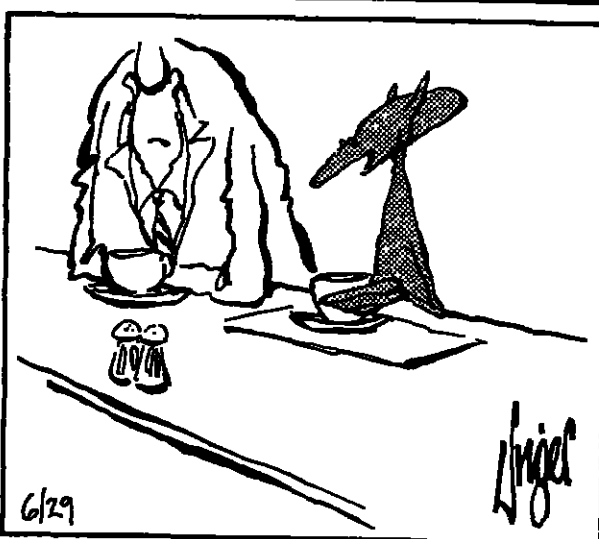
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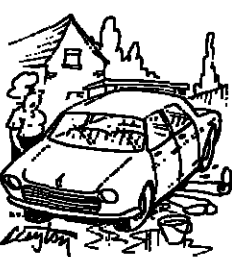
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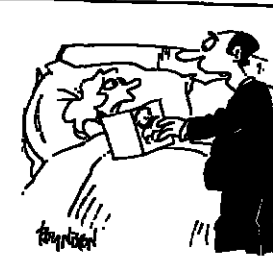
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"I can't face the next thousand years without my cup of coffee."



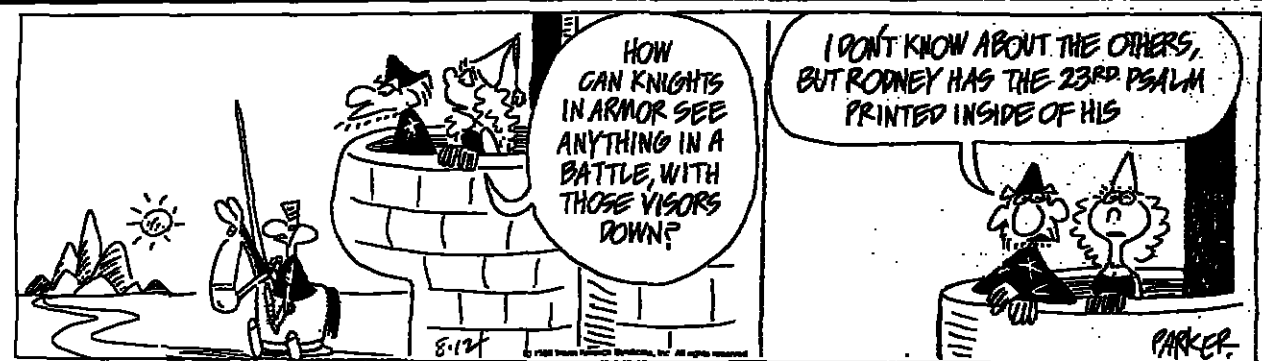
"I know the car is new George, but do you have to wash underneath as well?"



"British Telecom have sent you a get-well card. They hope your laryngitis clears up."

## THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



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By Johnny Hart



## YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

There might be some problems this morning, but from the afternoon onwards things will proceed much more smoothly. You will be able to avail yourself of a good opportunity. Do not allow yourself to be dissuaded. Be cordial.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

Not everything will be to your liking but you will know how to make the best of things. Make sure you do not allow yourself to get into too much of a muddle. There is no time to waste. Be firm.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

You will have to choose between two equally attractive alternatives: you cannot have it both ways. You should not expect everyone to agree with you. Keep calm when dealing with a rather nervous person. Be decisive.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

You will find it easier to make up your mind. You should not allow work to erode your personal life. You will meet someone much to your liking. Be lenient.



Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)

You would be wrong to try to have everything your own way. You will be able to get a lot done but only if you do not permit yourself to be distracted. Keep away from secondary matters just now. Be reasonable. Be generous.



Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)

Everything will go more smoothly but you must still be on your guard. You would be wrong to rely on luck to get you out of trouble although you will certainly be lucky. Avoid exceeding speed limits. Be fair.



Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)

This is going to be one of those days. You should beware of doing anything you might come to regret. Avoid trying to do things by force. Be tactful.



Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

You will find yourself more easily irritated. And you must take care not to annoy others. You will be able to do something to enlarge your cultural horizons. Be respectful.



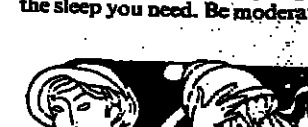
Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

You will be subject to some ups and downs and should try to use a little more willpower. Make sure you get enough but none too energetic exercise. Also beware of eating more than is good for you. Be generous.



Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19

You should try not to get into any violent arguments. You will be able to do something you have long wished to do. Make sure you get all the sleep you need. Be moderate.



Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)

You will have some good ideas but they might not all be practicable. You should try not to allow your emotions to conflict with your reason. Keep your head high. Be abstemious.



Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)

You will be able to do something to make up for lost time. You must do all you can to avoid giving rise to confusion. You should concentrate on essentials leaving the details until later. Be prompt.



# Hong Kong cracks down on counterfeit

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**HONG KONG:** From Rolex watches to Mickey Mouse, South-east Asia is cracking down on counterfeiters and, for the first time, the tourists who keep them in business.

The counterfeit clampdown is a determined bid to boost Asia's image in the eyes of Western trading partners, who say the thriving fakes business is cutting into both the reputation and export figures of the real thing.

Seoul, Bangkok, Singapore, Taipei and Hong Kong vie as the fake capitals of the world.

In any of these cities, business at hawkers' stalls on sidewalks is far brisker than in the plush boutiques like Chanel and Christian Dior.

A careful Hong Kong shopper may pay \$45 for one variety of fake Rolex watch, compared with \$1,900 for the real thing. A fake Louis Vuitton handbag goes for \$31 on the street, one-tenth of the cost of the genuine article in a central Hong Kong shop.

Fake Rolex watches, Gucci wallets and Louis Vuitton bags are among the most sought-after items, but the list goes on to include Reebok sneakers, Lacoste polo shirts, Cabbage Patch dolls — and anything with Mickey Mouse on it.

**Fakes**

The fakes may be used to amuse — or perhaps even deceive — friends back at home, but tourists are having to look harder to find them. At least one airport has full-time customs officials looking for caches considered large enough to cross the line from personal use to commercial gain.

H.Y. Tong, director of Hong Kong's Customs Investigation Bureau, said customs checks for counterfeit goods had been tightened six months ago.

"Hong Kong has an international image to protect," Tong said. "If we get branded as a major counterfeit centre, our trading partners will impose sanctions on us."

Most fakes found by customs



Watches, designer bags and wallets, dolls and even items bearing Mickey Mouse logos are being faked in several Asian countries.

officials are clothing or watches, but counterfeiters also produce medicine, and spare parts for well-known makes of cars, Tong said.

He said tourists coming to Hong Kong from other counterfeit capitals, such as Bangkok, Taipei and Seoul, should think twice before loading themselves with fakes.

"If someone brings one, two or three counterfeit pieces through customs, we want to be reasonable," he said.

"But people touring Asia sometimes come to Hong Kong with 10 or 20 pieces. Then we have to take action. Even if we know their reason is genuine — Christmas gifts or what have you — we have to detain those tourists, question them and cause them unnecessary trouble."

But some prestigious manufacturers take their own precautions. Paris-based Hermes makes, among other things, sought-after and widely copied — silk ties.

"Hermes is very strict," said a Frenchman in Hong Kong whose company produces ties for

the French fashion house. "They insist on very precise counts. If they order 100 pieces, you don't give them 95 and say that five ties didn't work out. They want 100 pieces no matter what."

Eleanor Lee, the general manager of Chanel's boutique division in Hong Kong, said: "Whenever we find fake Chanel, we just have to buy one piece and get the receipt as evidence. Our attorney does the rest. The shop has to let us know how many pieces they bought and who they bought them from."

"Usually they co-operate because we prosecute if they don't."

In Seoul, the Union des Fabricants of France has a branch with the specific task of protecting popular European trademarks.

The US-based Walt Disney Inc., keepers of the lucrative Mickey Mouse logo, issued a strict warning to counterfeiters in the region, as well as Chinese, to stop using the cartoon without going through proper legal channels.

France zealously guards its

reputation as one of the world's premier producers of classy fashion by confiscating fakes at its end.

"If someone comes through customs carrying a fake Vuitton bag, we let them go through," a French customs official said. "If they have 10, we take them."

Taiwan, reputedly home to the best fake Rolexes, has cracked down hard over the past four years, organising regular police sweeps and completely overhauling its copyright laws.

**Picked**

But some say pure economic factors, such as the rising value of the Taiwan dollar and spiralling labour costs, have strangled Taiwan's dollar industry, not tougher laws.

"Taiwan manufacturers are slowly being driven out of the counterfeit market," said Geoffrey Harris, a Taipei-based private investigator who specialises in copyright cases.

He said counterfeit watch-makers have been shifting entire factories to Thailand where the currency is stable, labour is

among the cheapest in Asia, and laws are relatively lax.

Indonesia and the Philippines have also picked up Taiwan's fakes business in everything from shoes to spare car parts.

Harris said it was unlikely that Taiwan would follow Hong Kong's lead and confiscate fakes at customs posts.

"Authorities here don't see anything wrong with bringing in fakes for personal use," he said.

Customs officials in Singapore normally only check passenger baggage for drugs, but strict copyright laws and constant vigilance by authorities have ended the once thriving market in fake goods.

Shops in areas such as Change Alley and the Far East Plaza are regularly raided by customs inspectors posing as tourists.

Singapore's International Federation of Phonogram and Videogram Producers said pirated video or audio cassette tapes have all but disappeared since a stringent copyright law, laying down a \$50,000 fine or a five-year jail term, was introduced a year ago.

# Male models fight for places in Paris shows

By Michela Wong

PARIS, (Reuter): Male models from all over the world are gathering in Paris with one thought in mind — winning a prized place on the fashion catwalks and being spotted by an international talent scout.

For while a moment of glory at the ready-to-wear shows pays badly in modelling terms, a young unknown parading a suit by Yves Saint Laurent or Jean-Paul Gaultier could be launching a million-dollar career.

"These collections are a unique opportunity for new models to meet famous designers and be seen by talent-spotters from Milan, New York and London," says Patrick Normandin, in charge of male models at Glamour, a leading Paris modelling agency.

"Models may be paid more elsewhere but this is where they make their reputations and build their careers. A few of the boys who appear at the collections will end up being the highest-paid models of the year."

The shows are all about prestige, not money.

Top French, Japanese, Italian and Spanish designers are trying to sell their latest ideas during five days of ready-to-wear previews.

Before the September collections and the autumn and winter shows in February, Normandin tours the world, choosing promising young men he sponsors to come to Paris, where they fight for a spot.

The lucky ones will earn between \$400-480 per show, not much when compared to the \$20,000-30,000 dollars a model who appears in a good promotion film can expect to rake in.

**Easy**

Outside Normandin's office on a chic avenue running parallel to the Champs Elysees excited models gather and disperse, returning from auditions and comparing notes with colleagues.

Randall Krebs, a 26-year-old model who boasts the athletic frame and angular jaw of the all-American man, is already well set up this year, with places in the classical Christian Dior and Lanvin shows.

Winning a place was not easy, he admits. "The competition is getting tougher and tougher and the models are getting younger and younger. Often now you have to queue a



A male model makes a swift clothes change helped by his dresser during French designer Charles Jourdan's ready-to-wear fashion show in Paris recently.

couple of hours for an audition — that never used to happen before."

Krebs, who started modelling two years ago in order to pay for an eye operation, makes between four and eight lightning clothes changes during each show, usually helped by a dresser.

"It's the most hectic week of the year — there's nothing to compare with it," says Krebs.

A 20-year-old British colleague, James Gough, has not been so lucky. A former office worker who entered the fashion scene only four months ago, Gough is still waiting for a place in the collections.

"You don't know until the last day whether or not you've got a spot. It's not very hopeful for me. They seem to be looking for giants at these shows and really I'm too short," says the six-foot (1.83 meter) cockney model.

Until last year Normandin

recruited 80-90 per cent of his models in the United States, because he is convinced that American men relate best to both designers and customers.

"It's a question of temperament and character. Americans are much more at ease with their own bodies. They're more extrovert than Europeans, proud to show off their physique — there's an element of narcissism there."

European models are improving but still have a lot to learn, says Normandin. As for his own compatriots, he feels the national character does not lend itself to the job: "The French are very introverted and easily intimidated."

In the frenzied days before the collections Normandin is fully occupied smoothing his models' ruffled egos and reassuring nervy clients.

Twice a year we are swept up in a sort of fury, a tempest... it's complete madness."

# Laughter: the best medicine of all

By Janet Bailey

LAUGHTER lifts our spirits, puts our problems in perspective, connects us to others and probably improves our health.

In his best-selling book *Anatomy of an Illness*, author Norman Cousins told how he rid himself of a serious illness with a treatment that included doses of *Candid Camera* and old Marx Brothers movies.

Some researchers believe a hearty laugh may release endorphins, the brain's own pain-killing chemicals, and that it helps to strengthen the immune system.

Laughter provides a physical workout, too. William Fry, M.D., associate clinical professor of psychiatry at Stanford University Medical School, compares laughter to jogging in terms of its effect on heart rate and muscle condition, although it would take a very funny series of events to keep you laughing as long and hard as the average jogger jogs.

**Good**

Still, we don't need science to tell us that laughing feels good, and most of us know we don't laugh nearly enough. Although it's hard to see the humour in everything, we can learn to take ourselves and our problems less seriously and maybe lengthen our lives at the same time. Here are some suggestions from the experts.

Remember that everyone can have a sense of humour. Maybe you can't remember a joke or tell it well if you do recall it, but that doesn't mean you can't be amusing with friends. "We're all born with the potential for developing a sense of humour," says Dr Fry. "It's part of our genetic makeup. Even if most of your playful spirit has been hammered out of you by the time you've reached adulthood, it can be revived."

"When you talk to people about humour, they usually think of jokes and comedy," says C.W. Metcalf, president of

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a company in Fort Collins, Colorado, that trains business people in how to use humour. "But less than two per cent of us are capable of remembering and telling jokes."

Humour is much broader than that. It's a set of skills that anyone can learn to develop. It's a sense of perspective, of being able to look at things in an offbeat way, it's a sense of joy in being alive.

Don't just sit there — participate. "Everybody is exposed to humour," says Harvey Mindess, Ph.D., director of the graduate psychology programme at Antioch University in Marina del Rey, California. "but we usually just sit back and enjoy it without thinking of how to make others laugh."

Don't settle for letting Woody Allen make all the jokes. Imagine yourself in the role of amusing other people. If I'm watching Bill Cosby, I might consider how that episode has played itself out in my family, or how I could act like Cosby in a similar situation.

Think about how you could turn an awkward incident into an entertaining story. If some minor disaster comes along, like a car breakdown on a rainy night, think of it as a situation comedy. You'll be amazed at how quickly that puts things in perspective. And it may well make a funny story later.

Recognise what makes you laugh and put more of it in your life. Does your taste run to Laurel and Hardy? Bugs Bunny? Sunday funnies? Which TV sitcoms do you like? Which writers — Andy Rooney, Erma Bombeck, Mark Twain? Once you've

figured out what amuses you most, Dr Fry suggests, start a humour library.

Collect your favourite books, cartoons, videocassettes, films, audiotapes and just funny gadgets. Then, when you're having trouble seeing the bright side, head for your books and tapes for a quick pick-me-up.

Practice injecting laughter into "serious" situations. "We're happy because we laugh, not the other way around," says Annette Goodheart, Ph.D., a psychotherapist in Santa Barbara, California. "The usual way of describing the process is that you have a sense of humour, so you laugh, and that changes your attitude. I start by laughing, which changes my attitude immediately. It's easy to fake laughter — your diaphragm doesn't distinguish between that and the real thing. It's like starting a car engine. The physical motion triggers real laughter."

If you're having trouble seeing the humour in a situation, Goodheart says, describe it in a deliberately light way. "The I.R.S. is auditing me, tee-hee." The ridiculousness of that sentence tickles the funny bone, helping you to change the way you look at it.

You might try adopting the paradoxical approach. When you can't seem to laugh about a problem, try the opposite. Tell yourself this is no laughing matter and nothing can make you laugh about it. Usually the harder we try not to laugh, the more irresistible the urge becomes.

Another technique is to carry your anxiety to its most ludicrous extreme, until the situation you imagine seems so

ridiculous you can't help but find it funny. Let's say you're agonizing over a mistake you made at work. Picture the entire company going bankrupt, with you and the chairman reduced to selling apples on the street corner, all because of your error. Chances are things aren't really that bad and the imaginary scene puts this in perspective.

"Humourists do this all the time — take upsetting events and talk about them with enough exaggeration that people find them funny," says Hope Mihalap, a humourist and professional speaker from Norfolk, Virginia.

Avoid self-criticism by poking fun at your flaws. "When you get down on yourself," explains Ray DiGiuseppe, director of training and research at New York's Institute for Rational-Emotive Therapy, "you become more depressed — and the more depressed you are, the harder it is to do something about your problem. But if you can laugh about your troubles, you're more likely to think of a way to deal with them."

DiGiuseppe and his wife have made a joke out of his tendency to work long hours. "When she wants to sit down and have a talk, I kid her that she'll have to call my secretary to make an appointment. Making fun of my workaholicism reminds me I'm aware of the problem."

Use humour to lighten up your relationships. By easing tension, laughter can pave the way for better communication in almost any relationship, from home to the workplace. When Goodheart's married clients face an angry impasse, for ins-

tance, she asks them to bring up a key word or phrase they've agreed upon beforehand about the situation that made them laugh. "One couple remembered the day they made love outdoors — and the lawn chair folded up on them! They chose the words 'lawn chair' and agreed that whenever either one of them evoked that phrase, their argument would stop," Goodheart says. "It always made them laugh and broke the tension and helped them resolve the problem."

Hope Mihalap's family adopts a foreign accent when touchy subjects arise. "My husband is Russian, my father is Greek, and I'm a Southerner," she says. "So ever since our kids were small, we've found a lot of humour in the way people talk. If they are getting on each other's nerves, they'll start talking in a heavy Russian accent. Even if one of them knows there's a reprimand there, it's easier to take when it's said in a funny way."

Joking with someone around whom you're usually serious can add a new dimension to the relationship. "This is an assignment I give my students," says Harvey Mindess. "I tell them to think about it beforehand, because it isn't always appropriate. But the ones who try it report remarkable results. You can really break through to a new level of intimacy, openness and relaxation with another person this way."

Rediscover silliness; rediscover toys. We can learn from children who haven't yet begun to censor their mirth. "I'm a firm believer in props — toys, posters, anything that makes us laugh," says Allen Klein, a professional speaker on humour in San Francisco. "Everyone in my workshops gets a clown nose, and I tell them to keep props handy. When I'm in a traffic jam, I take out the jar of bubbles and I keep in the car, open the window and blow bubbles. Then I look around and see smiling faces, so



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C.W. Metcalf recommends going into a dime-store photo booth, making the silliest faces you can think of and carrying those pictures around with you. "When you notice yourself getting uptight," he says, "pull out the photos. They'll give you a laugh and remind you that life can be funny too."

When you really can't laugh, don't force it. Sometimes nothing can help you see the bright side of situation. When that happens, you may simply need to ride it out. You may have to get out your grief or your anger first, before you can begin to think about looking for the funny side. Laughter can help — but not all the time.

Don't confuse humour with ridicule. It's one thing to get people laughing; it's another to laugh at them. Teasing uses laughter to control others, to disguise critical remarks and avoid responsibility for your true feelings. "Can't you take a joke?" may be one of the most destructive questions in the language. "Often people who tease others have little insight into what they're really doing," says Quinton Wilkes, Ph.D., a psychotherapist in New York City.

"If you feel demeaned or under attack, tell the other person how you feel." Anyone can laugh at another's expense, but a true sense of humour is the ability to laugh at yourself. Don't think you have to be serious to be responsible. "Many people feel that being a

responsible adult doesn't go along with laughing at yourself," says Mindess. "They assume that to be funny degrades their dignity."

Laughter is risky — but it opens up new ways of looking at a world that's full of fear and cynicism. And that openness and creativity are what we need most of all. "We're facing an environment that's changing between the time we go to bed and the time we get up in the morning," says Metcalf. "The only way to cope with that is to pay attention to the things that make it worth being here. It's easy to figure out what's not working, but the problems of the world are going to be solved by the people who love it here." And what feeds that love better than laughter?







# CURRENCY & BUSINESS

Slide in prices pushes US bond prices up

## Steep fall in oil overshadows inflation rise

NEW YORK, Sept 11, (Reuters). A steep fall in the price of oil provided an antidote yesterday to a government report showing that US wholesale prices rose more than expected in August.

But the inflation outlook is murky enough that a 20-point lead in blue-chip stocks was whittled down by the closing bell to just over five points. And while the traditional hedge against inflation — fell sharply.

The Labour Department said the producer price index — the inflation gauge for wholesale markets — rose 0.6 per cent, up from 0.5 per cent in July. But the

bit was taken out of the report late in the day when oil prices fell sharply on signs that OPEC had not called a special committee meeting to seek ways to support oil prices.

### Contract

"The main problem is there is too much crude oil around," one trader said. West Texas Intermediate, the main American crude, fell 30 cents to close at \$14.18 a barrel for the October contract on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Traders said prices could slide below \$14 a barrel next week unless OPEC took some action

to restrain output.

The Dow Jones industrial average ended with a rise of 5.69 points at 2,068.81. The index rose 14.22 points in the week.

The fall in oil pushed US Treasury bond prices higher and pulled the yield of the key 30-year bond to just under 9 per cent briefly, its lowest level in two months.

### Prices

But the anti-inflationary aspect of lower oil prices sent gold tumbling to its lowest levels since March 1987. Gold for October delivery fell as much as \$8.80 on the commodity

exchange before closing at \$423.10 an ounce, down \$7.70.

Also, lower grain futures prices lessened gold's importance as an inflation hedge. On the Chicago Board of Trade, soybeans fell 12 cents to \$8.775 a bushel and wheat was down 6.5 cents at \$4 a bushel.

### Interpretations

Precious metals analysts said that gold initially moved up on the 0.6 per cent rise in inflation at the producer level. But as they examined the figures, they changed their minds.

"Negative interpretations of the producer price index showing

a rate of price increases of only 0.3 per cent when food and energy are factored out did a lot to knock the wind out of gold," said Barry Forst of Dominick and Dominick Inc. The two groups are volatile and many economists believe that the so-called core figure, which does not include them, gives a better picture of price performance.

The dollar ended higher after moving in a narrow trading range of about one pfennig and less than a yen. It closed at 1.8510 West German marks, up from 1.8445. It edged up to 133.70 Japanese yen from 133.60 on Thursday.

## Gulf Bank weekly market review

## KD rate firmer against dollar

**Kuwaiti dinar**

BASED on last week's opening middle market FX rates, the KD exchange rate was firmer against the US dollar ending the week at 285.07 fils compared with its last closing the week before at 285.91 fils.

Against the pound sterling, the KD was lower ending the week at 484.06 fils compared with the week before last's closing of 481.13 fils.

The KD was lower against the DM ending the week at 154.38 fils compared with its closing of 152.36 fils the week before.

The KD was also lower against the SFR ending the week at 183.01 with its week before last closing at 180.56 fils.

Against the JD, the KD was higher ending the week at 174.15 fils compared with its week before last closing of 175.17 fils.

The KD was mostly unchanged against the GCC currencies.

**World stock markets**

Wall Street stock prices strengthened over the week and ended higher as a sudden turn-around in bond prices in the last hour of trading on a collapse in oil prices helped trigger futures-related buying and briefly sent stock prices sharply higher before closing with modest gains.

The Dow Jones industrial average opened the week at 2065 and closed higher at 2069, recording a gain of 14 points over the week before last closing of 2055.

Share prices on the London Stock Exchange strengthened earlier in the week, underpinned by a steady sterling and a softening in money market interest rates.

However, prices weakened later in the week when rapidly sliding oil prices led oil shares lower. Dealers expect the lack-lustre trading to be a short-term pattern with the market staying highly cautious as it awaits the August's British economic statistics including the revision on second quarter balance of payment figures.

The FTSE 100 opened the week at 1765 and closed at 1735, recording a loss of 7 points over the week before last closing of 1742.

**US dollar**

The dollar rebound was short-

lived as it moved in a narrow trading range against other major currencies in the holiday-shortened week in observance of the Memorial Day holiday on Sept 5 ending the week before last closing the week before at 285.91 fils.

The dollar has been lower since last Friday's US August employment report, which showed the US economy was losing some momentum after expanding strongly in the first half of the year, thus confounding expectations of higher inflation and the need to raise US interest rates which depressed the dollar sentiment.

The National Association of Purchasing Management Index fell to 56.2 per cent in August from 59 per cent in July and 59.3 per cent in June indicating a slower pace of US economic expansion.

The dollar showed little reaction to the release of a 0.6 per cent rise in US producer prices for August following a gain of 0.5 per cent in July.

**Japanese yen**

The yen opened the week at 134.90/95 yen and firmed to continue trading in a tight band against the US dollar closing the week last higher at 133.60/70 yen against week before last closing of 133.85/95 yen.

The recent decline in oil prices has benefited the yen because of Japan's heavy dependence on fuel imports which means lower "oil bill" BOJ's recent quarterly survey showing robust Japanese economic expansion with no overheating, increased bullishness for the yen against the dollar.

The combination of Japan's low inflation and positive economic fundamentals are expected to continue underpinning the yen against other major currencies mainly the European currencies.

BOJ reaffirmed its intention to maintain its present monetary policy. Japan's (M2 + CD) rose by a revised 11.1 per cent in July from a year earlier unchanged from June.

The yen is likely to move against the dollar within 133 — 136.5 yen in the near term unless new developments arise forcing it to test either side of the range.

## Deutsche mark

The mark traded within a narrow range between 1.84-1.85 against the dollar in dull trading opening the week at 1.8420/25 and ending the week at 1.8505/15 marks, near its week before last closing at 1.8520/30 marks.

The market emphasis shifted towards mark strength which gained from the recent dollar weakness on unencouraging US employment data, the better-than-expected West German economic growth, more attractive German interest rates, and the solid determination of the Bundesbank to defend the mark.

The Bundesbank net currency reserves fell by 2.9 billion marks, to 70.0 billion marks in the last week of August due to co-ordinated intervention.

The mark was more active on cross trading. Early in the week the mark regained some losses against the yen and the pound but ended the week lower against the yen at 1.3840/60 marks per 100 yen compared to its week before last closing at 1.3640/60.

The mark lost ground against pound ending the week at 2.135/138 marks against week before last closing at 2.117/120.

The mark's strength within the EMS, rising to its 6-month high against the Italian lira and the French franc, has prompted talk of a possible realignment of the 8-currency basket, although Bundesbank president Poehl denied the need for an EMS realignment just now given that there were no noteworthy tensions within the system's currencies.

In its bi-weekly meeting the Bundesbank left its credit policies unchanged.

A host of economic data released over the week reflected strong German economic growth. GNP in the second quarter was unchanged from first quarter but grew by an annual rate of 3.4 per cent against 4.3 per cent in first quarter, thus recording a GNP growth by 3.9 per cent in the first half of 1988, being the highest since the early eighties.

Therefore GNP growth for 1988 is expected to exceed 3 per cent while for all 1987, GNP grew by 1.7 per cent.

German July manufacturing industry orders were unchanged

from June, producing a year-on-year rise of 7.4 per cent, with domestic orders rising by 3 per cent from June, while foreign orders falling by 2 per cent reflecting the strength of domestic demand which grew by 4.6 per cent in the first half of this year.

**Pound sterling**

The pound sterling remained well-supported last week despite Britain's growing current account and inflation problems, with high yield considerations, with UK base rates now at 12 per cent. The pound which traded in a very tight range, opened the week against the US dollar at \$1.7035/45, and closed slightly lower at \$1.6955/65, but slightly higher compared to its previous weeks' closing of \$1.6845/55.

The pound showed little reaction to the final figure for UK retail sales in July which rose 2.4 per cent against an estimate of 2 per cent and after being unchanged in June.

Also a slowdown in UK credit of \$3.8 billion in July from \$4.2 billion in June was overlooked.

**French franc**

The French franc opened the week against the US dollar at 6.2740/70 FFR and closed easier at 6.2920/80 FFR but near its week before last closing at 6.2950/80 FFR.

Finance Minister Bergey said that the French franc will not be devalued in the European Monetary System (EMS), the statement being his clearest yet that he would not allow the franc to be devalued in a quasi-fixed EMS system of currency management.

France posted a current account surplus of a seasonally adjusted 7.4 billion FFR in the first quarter, turning round a deficit of 600 million FFR in the same quarter of 1987.

**Swiss franc**

The Swiss franc opened the week against the US dollar at 1.5520/30 SFR and closed lower at 1.5620/30 SFR, compared to its week before last closing at 1.5555/65 SFR.

Swiss economic growth slowed in the second quarter to a seasonally adjusted annualised rate of a real 1.1 per cent from a revised 2.3 per cent in the first quarter.

## KD deposits steady in thin trade

KUWAITI dinar interbank deposits were generally steady in thin trade yesterday but short-dated funds continued to ease in response to high liquidity.

Dealers said the market lacked direction and traders were reluctant to take out new positions until a clear trend emerged. Trade is normally quiet during the European weekend and Gulf banks are shut during the Muslim Friday weekend.

Offers for overnight and tomorrow-next funds eased to 1/2 per cent from one on Saturday. Tomorrow-next dealt at 1/2 per cent, but there were no bids for overnight.

Spot-next was offered at two per cent but there were no bids. One-week was indicated at six, 5-1/4 early in the day.

**Deposits**

One-month deposits were steady at 5-7/8, 5/8 per cent and dealt at 5-3/4. Three-months was little changed at 6-3/16, 5-15/16 and six-months at 6-1/4, six. One-year was steady at 6-3/8, six.

The Central Bank left its dinar exchange rate unchanged for the third consecutive trading day at 0.28502/12 to the dollar. Commercial banks quoted spot rates of 0.28509/13.

Meanwhile, Saudi riyal deposits were steady yesterday in a dull market which saw virtually no activity due to the European weekend and the absence of any fresh factors.

Business is normally thin yesterday due to the absence of major offshore players, but traders said the trend was likely to continue until US August trade figures were announced on Wednesday. Riyal deposits often track dollar interest rates.

"The market is at a standstill — it's virtually dead," one dealer said.

**Funds**

Spot-next and one-week funds were indicated at Saturday's levels of eight, 7-1/2 per cent.

One-, three- and six-month funds were steady at 8-1/8, eight per cent, 8-7/16, 5/16 per cent and 8-13/16, 11/16 per cent respectively.

One-year was also unchanged at 9-1/16, 8-7/8 per cent. The spot riyal was steady at 3.7503/06 to the dollar.

## Interest Rates

FOLLOWING are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait yesterday.

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	5-5/8	5-15/16
3 months	5-13/16	6-3/16
6 months	5-15/16	6-1/4
1 year	6-1/8	6-7/16

## Government Tenders

**Corrigendum**

Tender No. PT/13/88 — Tea, Coffee & Refreshments Services

The CTC draws the attention of all concerned that the correct number of the above tender is PT/13/88 and not as erroneously stated in the Official Gazette Issue No. 1786 dated 28.8.1988.

Tender No. MEW/22/84-88/88 — Replacement of asbestos fresh and brackish water networks by ductile pipes

Contractors who have already obtained the above tender documents may collect the relevant addendum No. 2.

Tender No. M/TM/21/88 — Supply & Installation of Computer for new military hospital

Further to the notice published in the Official Gazette Issue No. 1786 dated 28.8.1988, the CTC hereby includes M/s Ghafal Al-Hajri Company in the list of companies qualified to participate in the above tender:

- 1st: Operation Areas
- 2nd: Required jobs and equipment.
- 3rd: Handling of different types of imported and exported general cargo at Shuwaik Port and its Storage areas.
- 4th: Preparation of ships for discharging or loading and handling of cargo at the different stages up to complete delivery to consignees from Shuwaik Port Storage areas for imported goods and upto complete loading on board for exported goods.
- 5th: Provide labour force necessary for the required handling operations at the port with the following minimums:

Further to the notice published in the Official Gazette Issue No. 1782 dated 31.7.1988, the CTC hereby includes M/s Ghanem Hamad Al-Dabbous Est (Agent for Kalbuneh Scientific Inc in the list of companies qualified to participate in the above tender.

The Ports Public Authority prequalification of contractors for cargo handling operations at Shuwaik Port and its storage areas thereof — Tender No. PPA/27-88

The Ports Public Authority announces its intention to invite the above tender for cargo handling operations at Shuwaik Port and its storage areas including the container terminal. All companies capable to participate in the above tender are invited to apply for prequalification at the Authority's Contracts Committee Secretariat.

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- 5th: Provide labour force necessary for the required handling operations at the port with the following minimums:

1) 60 gangs (10 labourers for each gang, including names operator and signal man in each shift).

— 8 traffic supervisors, 4 in each duty shift.

— One Project Manager.

— 4 general supervisors, 2 in each duty shift, each of which shall be authorised to sign on the accidents. Correspondence shall be addressed to the manager or any of the two general supervisors.

— 40 labourers in each duty shift of the stores except stores Nos. 17 & 18.

— 45 labourers in each duty shift of the stores except stores Nos. 17 & 18.

— 20 labourers in each duty shift at the steel division.

— 10 labourers in each duty shift in the outgoing division.

— 10 labourers in each duty shift in the 2nd storage area.

The total of the above is 125 labourers in each duty shift to be distributed by the Authority officials.

d) Provision of equipment, machinery, vehicles and cranes as follows: Vehicles, trailers & heads required in each duty shift:

— 30 box vehicle of 20 tons load each.

— 120 trailers (tail) of 25 ton load each.

— 15 trailers (tail) of 60 ton load each.

(To be continued)

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## KUWAIT

BANK SECTOR	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE
NATIONAL BANK	1.050	1.040	1.040	1.040	645000	24
GULF BANK	0.420	0.410	0.410	0.410	520000	19
COMMERCIAL BK	0.315	0.310	0.310	0.310	720000	27
AHLI BANK	0.375	---	---	---	---	---
B.K.M.E.	0.385	---	---	---	---	---
K.R.E.B.	0.420	---	---	---	---	---
BURGAN BANK	0.310	0.305	0.310	0.305	420000	26
K.F.HOUSE	0.520	0.510	0.520	0.510	170000	12
INVESTMENT SECTOR	---	---	---	---	---	---
KUT INV. CO.	0.160	---	---	---	---	---
K.F.T.C.I.C.	0.210	---	---	---	---	---
K.I.I.C.	0.156	---	---	---	---	---
COM.FACILITIES	0.480	0.480	0.480	0.480	10000	1
AHLIAN INV.	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
I.F.A.	0.102	0.102	0.102	0.102	40000	2
INV. PEARL KUT	0.106	0.104	0.104	0.104	320000	7
INSURANCE SECTOR	---	---	---	---	---	---
GULF INSURANCE	0.730	---	---	---	---	---
ARABIA INS. CO.	0.580	---	---	---	---	---
WARBA INS. CO.	0.460	0.460	0.460	0.460	70000	2
REAL ESTATE SECTOR	---	---	---	---	---	---
KUT R.E.S.T. CO.	0.236	0.232	0.234	0.232	70000	2
UNI R.E.S.T. CO.	0.108	0.106	0.106	0.106	40000	2
NAT R.E.S.T. CO.	0.216	0.206	0.206	0.206	20000	1
SALHIAN R.E.	0.080	---	---	---	---	---
KUT PROJECTS	0.091	0.091	0.091	0.091	720000	9
KUT R.E.I. CON	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
INDUSTRY SECTOR	---	---	---	---	---	---
NAT IND. CO.	0.560	---	---	---	---	---
KUT M.P. IND.	0.300	---	---	---	---	---
KUT CEMENT CO.	0.255	---	---	---	---	---
REF. IND. CO.	0.420	0.415	0.420	0.415	70000	3
N.A.M.T. CO.	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
GULF CABLE	1.100	1.100	1.100	1.100	35000	5
K.P.H. IND. CO.	0.210	---	---	---	---	---
K.P.H. MARINE	0.350	---	---	---	---	---
K.P.H. CO.	0.046	---	---	---	---	---
SERVICE SECTOR	---	---	---	---	---	---
OVERLAND TRANS	0.090	---	---	---	---	---
K.W.C. CO.	0.190	---	---	---	---	---
KUT HOTELS CO.	0.170	---	---	---	---	---
P.WAREHOUSING	0.166	0.158	0.158	0.158	20000	1
CON.WCT.CMPC	0.018	0.018	0.018	0.018	320000	3
MOBILE TELE.	0.380	0.375	0.380	0.375	90000	5
KUT COMPUTER	0.180	0.180	0.180	0.180	40000	1
FOOD SECTOR	---	---	---	---	---	---
LIVESTOCK T.T.	0.230	---	---	---	---	---
UNIT FISHERIES	0.154	---	---	---	---	---
UNIT POULTRY	0.226	---	---	---	---	---
KUT FOODS	0.340	0.350	0.350	0.350	10000	1
AGRI. FOOD PRD.	0.150	---	---	---	---	---
NON-KUT SECTOR	---	---	---	---	---	---
B.H. INTER.BK	0.068	0.068	0.068	0.068	280000	4
B.H. EAST.BK	0.046	0.046	0.046	0.046	80000	1
UNIT GULF BK	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
COAST INVEST.	0.102	0.102	0.104	0.102	640000	15
A.G. INV. CORP	0.035	---	---	---	---	---
FIRST GULF BK	0.620	---	---	---	---	---
B.K.I.G.	0.080	---	---	---	---	---

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ANLITA INS. CO.	0.580	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
MARBA INS. CO.	0.460	0.460	0.460	0.460	70000	-----
REAL EST SECTOR						
KVT R.E.ST. CO.	0.236	0.232	0.234	0.232	70000	-----
U.VI R.E.ST. CO.	0.108	0.106	0.106	0.106	40000	-----
HAT R.E.ST. CO.	0.216	0.206	0.206	0.206	20000	-----
SALIHIA R.E.	0.080	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
KVT PROJECTS	0.091	0.091	0.091	0.091	720000	-----
KVT R.E.I.COM	0.000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
INDUSTRY SECTOR						
NAT IND. CO.	0.560	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
KVT M.P. IND.	0.300	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
KVT CEMENT CO.	0.255	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
REF. IND. CO.	0.420	0.415	0.420	0.415	70000	-----
H.A.M.T.CO.	0.000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
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K.PH.IND. CO.	0.210	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
CONT.MARINE	0.350	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
K.SH.REP.CO	0.046	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
SERVICES SECTOR						
OVERLAND TRANS	0.090	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
K.N.C.CO.	0.190	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
KVT HOTELS CO.	0.170	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
F. AURENGLING	0.160	0.158	0.158	0.158	20000	-----
CONKTKT. CHPT.	0.018	0.018	0.018	0.018	320000	-----
MOBILE TELE.	0.380	0.375	0.380	0.375	90000	-----
KVT COMPUTER	0.180	0.180	0.180	0.180	40000	-----
FOOD SECTOR						
LIVESTOCK T.T.	0.230	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
UNTD FISHERIES	0.154	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
UNTD POULTRY	0.226	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
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AGRI. FOOD PRD.	0.150	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
NOW-KVT SECTOR						
BHW.INTER.BK	0.068	0.068	0.068	0.068	280000	-----
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KUWAIT STOCK EXCHANGE						
COMPANIES LISTED ON THE PARALLEL MARKET						
FINANCIAL SECTOR	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE
PEARL INV.CO.	0.098	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
GULF INV.CO.	0.041	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
GULF INTL INS	0.009	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
ARAB INT CO.	0.055	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
SHARJAH INS	0.000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
GULF UNION INS	0.070	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
INDUSTRIAL SECTOR						
B-GULF MEDICAL	0.027	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
C-R.K.WHITE CHMT	0.022	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
D-AJMAN CEMENT	0.007	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
E-PUJAITAN CENT	0.008	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
F-SHARJAH CEMENT	0.010	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
G-PRESS CEMENT	0.016	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
H-UMM QATWAIN	0.021	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----



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REQUIRED for a lady from Salmiya behind the fire brigade to Sharq near Fruit Palace. Office timings. 8 am - 12.30 pm, 4 - 7 pm. Tel. Mrs. Coutinho, 2448361. (AT3-43880-2)

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## GOWER HITS ESSEX FOR UNBEATEN 143

# Cowdrey puts Kent on top

LONDON, Sept 11, (Reuters). Graham Cowdrey, the youngest member of the cricketing family who have served Kent with distinction for nearly 40 years, helped to sustain his team's English County Championship challenge with a hard-hitting 80 not out yesterday.

Cowdrey, whose father Colin led Kent and England and whose elder brother Chris is the county's current captain, spurred leaders Kent to 367 for six against Middlesex — 77 ahead — at the close of the second day of the four-day match.



Cowdrey: unbeaten 80



Gower: brilliant innings

Kent need victory to be virtually certain of taking the title ahead of second-placed Worcestershire and Essex, who are third. The trio are playing their penultimate games in the competition.

England batsman David Gower stroked a superb 143 not out as Leicestershire replied strongly to Essex's huge total, to which Nasser Hussain contributed an unbeaten 165.

## Boston increase AL lead

NEW YORK, Sept 11, (AP). Instead of having to worry about his back, Roger Clemens had to worry about a no-hitter.

Clemens came within five outs of a no-hitter yesterday and won for the first time in six starts since July 30, leading first-place Boston past the Cleveland Indians 6-0. Dave Clarke's one-out single in the eighth was the only hit as Clemens pitched the first no-hitter of his career.

and has reached base 11 consecutive times.

Yankees 9, Tigers 4  
Don Slaught's two-run double sparked a six-run rally in the seventh inning as New York won its third straight and Detroit lost for the 16th time in 19 games, falling 3 1/2 games out. The Tigers largest deficit since June 9.

May still has chance of playing in first Test

QUETTA, Pakistan, Sept 11, (Reuters). Injured Australian spin bowler Tim May has been written off for the first Test against Pakistan starting in Karachi on Thursday.

Nottinghamshire's ex-England batsman Derek Randall struck an unbeaten 202 in 192 deliveries against Derbyshire at Trent Bridge.

He put on 297 in an unbroken fourth wicket stand with Mike Newell, who was 95 not out at close, when Nottinghamshire were 387 for three in reply to Derbyshire's 347 all out.



Police restrain a soccer fan during a scuffle on the pitch at White Hart Lane while Arsenal were playing Tottenham.

## Taunted Gascoigne may have the last laugh

LONDON, Sept 11, (Reuters). Paul Gascoigne, the million-dollar midfielder taunted by soccer fans because he was overweight, may have the last laugh by winning his first England cap this week as manager Bobby Robson begins preparations for the 1990 World Cup.

Gascoigne, transferred from Newcastle to Tottenham for £2 million (\$3.44 million) in the close season, enhanced his England claims with an eye-catching goal on his home debut for Tottenham on Saturday — watched by Robson.

Named in England's squad for a friendly against Denmark at Wembley on Wednesday, Gascoigne scored against Arsenal after losing his right boot on the edge of the box. He ran on and steered the ball home with his stockinged foot, despite which Arsenal won the First Division clash 3-2.

However, he lost it a bit too fast and got weak. Now he's regained his strength, is improving every day, and is back to his old self.

## Bayern crush Borussia

BONN, Sept 11, (Reuters). Unbeaten Bayern Munich moved top of West German soccer's First Division yesterday with an emphatic 3-0 home win over Borussia Moenchengladbach.

Booster by their midweek victory in the UEFA Cup, the Bavarians outclassed their opponents in every area of the field with only a brave performance by visiting goalkeeper Uwe Kamps preventing a higher score.

## Slotting

Juergen Wegmann took the first goal in the 16th minute, slotting the ball home from 12 metres out after a careful build-up from midfield. Three minutes later, Klaus Augenthaler made it 2-0.

On the evidence of the 2-2 draw, trainer Otto Rehhagel will have to struggle hard if he wants to realise his dream of keeping the championship trophy in Bremen.

## Scotland and France triumph

VILLENEUVE D'ASCO, France, Sept 11, (Reuters). Scotland and France defeated Italy and Austria in European qualifying matches yesterday for the Intercontinental Hockey Cup.

## Danes win speedway final

LONG BEACH, Calif., Sept 11, (Reuters). Hans Nielsen scored 14 points and Jan Pedersen added 12 to lead Denmark to victory in the 29th World Team Cup speedway final yesterday.

## Fielded

The United States finished second with 32 points while Sweden beat Britain in a four-lap rideoff for third place.

# Al Wazzan satisfied with performance in Bahrain rally

By Gail Seery

"I WAS determined that I would either win or break in the Bahrain BP Rally," said Arab Times sponsored driver Tareq Al Wazzan, shortly after being forced from the event with a broken axle on Friday. "I knew my car was not as powerful as the others, and that I would therefore have to push much harder."

## Powerful

Wazzan went on to set the second fastest time on the first stage of the following day. "I took the lead till stage 10, and was lengthening it all the time. There were 21 seconds between myself and Abbas at the end."



Al Mousawi: on his way to victory



Al Hajri: jumps into second place



Al Wazzan: pushing his car to the limit



Eid Falah: ploughs through soft sand

rally is like a war, and it's important that I know who I am up against."

Tareq was driving perfectly with no problems," added Khalifa, renowned as one of the most experienced co-drivers in the region. "We worked very hard. It was the first time I saw Tareq driving the Range Rover like that. He was really pushing the car, because he was so very determined to win."

## Error

In the end it was only a navigator's error which robbed Falah of a better place. The gap between Falah and Mubarak Al Hajri who took second place was only a little over a minute, and Falah had received a 3 minutes and 20 seconds (20 seconds for each minute) penalty for clocking in early at time control before stage 12.

Even so, Wazzan and co-driver Khaled Khalifa were pleasantly surprised to be at the front of the much more powerful pack. "The car and engine were the same ones I used last year. The engine badly needed rebuilding. I had ordered a new engine but it didn't arrive in time. This year's challenge format was not so accommodating in terms of the points system. Last year the drivers accumulated points from each of the three rallies which composed the series; but this time, only one driver, in this case Abbas Al Mousawi, could go through to the final."

The challenge only takes the leader to the final, so I had to push. But there were serious handling problems after stage five," he added, nursing his badly blistered hands. "The suspension was finished after five stages because I was pushing as fast as I could, and using the full 180 bhp. In the first service of the day the mechanics had no time to change

the shock absorbers, and so the handling was very bad. I took the bend at the wrong angle because of the handling problems, and jumped. Immediately on landing the front axle broke."

"Even so I am happy, because when I entered in this event I was expecting strong competitors from Saudi, Dubai and Qatar, and I knew I was up against the Sonato Pajero and the Mitsubishi Ralliart team, and if I broke, at least I did it while I was leading all of them by 21 seconds. I'm very happy about that, but also

very sad I didn't finish, because I know I would have won."

"At least now I know who is my enemy in terms of the Marlboro Desert Challenge. That is, I know my competition. I know their driving style and techniques, and I know their cars. A

## College Football

# UCLA brush aside Nebraska

NEW YORK, Sept 11, (AP). Troy Aikman threw three touchdown passes, including two to Charles Arbuckle, as fifth-ranked UCLA rode a 28-point first quarter to a 41-28 thumping of second-ranked Nebraska in a college football headliner yesterday.

The victory was the 100th for Terry Donahue since he became UCLA's head football coach in 1976 and averaged three losses to the Cornhuskers in the last five years. Nebraska had scored 42 points in each of those games.

In another clash of ranked teams, Reggie Ho kicked the last of a school-record four field goals with 1:13 left to give No. 13 Notre Dame a 19-17 victory over No. 9 Michigan.

The only ranked team to lose to an unranked school was No. 15 Michigan State, beaten 17-13 by Rutgers.

In other games involving the top ten, it was No. 3 Clemson 23, Furman 3; No. 4 Oklahoma 23, North Carolina 0; No. 6 Southern California 24, Stanford 20; No. 7 Auburn 38, Kentucky 10; No. 8 Georgia 38, Texas Christian 10; and No. 10 Florida State 49, Southern Mississippi 13.

In the second ten, it was No. 12 West Virginia 45, Fullerton 10; No. 14 Alabama 37, Temple 0; No. 16 South Carolina 38, Western Carolina 0; No. 17 Iowa 45, Kansas St. 10; No. 18 Penn State 42, Virginia 14; and No. 20 Washington 20, Purdue 6.

UCLA 41, Nebraska 28  
Aikman, who completed 13 of 22 passes for 205 yards with one interception, teamed up with Arbuckle on a 7-yard play after just 2:21 of play to get UCLA started. Arbuckle had five receptions for 100 yards, all in the first half.

Notre Dame 19, Michigan 17  
Ho, a 135-pound junior from Hawaii, kicked field goals of 31, 38, 26 before connecting with the game-winning at the end of a 10-play, 71-yard drive. Michigan, which led 17-16 after Mike Gillette's 49-yard field goal with 5:39 to play, had a final shot to win it, but Gillette missed a 48-yarder on the last play of the game.

Rutgers 17, Michigan St. 13  
Scott Erney completed 25 of 36 passes for 239 yards and two touchdowns and Doug Kokoskie had a key fumble recovery as Rutgers stunned the defending big ten and Rose Bowl champions.

Clemson 23, Furman 3  
Tailback Terry Allen scored two touchdowns and freshman Chris Gardocki kicked three field goals for Clemson, 2-0.

Oklahoma 23, N. Carolina 0  
The quarterback tandem of Jamelle Hollaway and Charles Thompson paced Oklahoma's wishbone attack to 391 yards on the ground, and the two combined to complete three of six passes for 72 yards.

USC 24, Stanford 20  
Rodney Peete, coming back strongly after an ineffective first half, rallied the sixth-ranked Trojans to victory by throwing 10 yards to flanker John Jackson with 1:19 left to play.

Auburn 20, Kentucky 10  
Auburn's James Joseph ran for 110 yards and two touchdowns, but the seventh-ranked Tigers had to hold off a second-half Kentucky rally.

Georgia 38, TCU 10  
Georgia's run-oriented offense surprised TCU, 0-1, with 145 passing yards in the second quarter. Georgia, 2-0, led 7-3 before opening up in the second period as quarterbacks Wayne Johnson and Greg Talley combined to complete seven of eight passes.

Florida St. 49, S. Mississippi 13  
Chip Ferguson passed for three touchdowns, including a 93-yarder to Lawrence Dawsey, as 10th-ranked Florida State came back strongly after its season-opening humiliation against Miami.

W. Virginia 45, Fullerton St. 10  
Calvin Phillips caught five passes for 190 yards and Anthony Brown and Undra Johnson each scored twice for 12th-ranked West Virginia, 2-0.

Alabama 37, Temple 0  
Bobby Humphrey, showing no apparent side-effects from two serious off-season injuries, ran for 91 yards and scored a touchdown for the 14th-ranked Crimson Tide, 1-0.

S. Carolina 38, W. Carolina 0  
Mike Dingle, starting his first game, ran for 85 yards and two touchdowns as the Gamecocks overpowered Western Carolina, an NCAA Division I-AA team. South Carolina improved to 2-0 while Western Carolina dropped to 0-2.

Iowa 45, Kansas St. 10  
Chuck Hartlieb passed for 253 yards and Brad Quast, a 240-pound linebacker, lumbered 94 yards with an interception return to tie an Iowa record and spark the 17th-ranked Hawkeyes.



## SPORTS

## SPORTS BRIEFS

## New club

A NEW cricket club, Indian Veterans Cricket Club, was formed over the weekend with S.S.N. Ganju as captain. Teams wanting to play against them can contact P.K. Merwah, the club secretary, on 484731 or 4846883.

## Olympic flame

UNIFICATION OBSERVATORY, South Korea, Sept. 11. (Reuters): A team of runners carried the Olympic flame today to the barbed wire and minefields dividing the Korean peninsula. The torch was borne to this east coast hilltop overlooking the border.

## Olympics chief

SEOUL, Sept. 11. (Reuters): Olympics chief Juan Antonio Samaranch was pushed by British sports officials into offering a controversial wild card Games entry to Sebastian Coe, a Seoul newspaper reported today.

## Kahyasi beaten

PARIS, Sept. 11. (Reuters): English and Irish Derby winner Kahyasi was beaten for the first time in his career when losing by a neck to Fijar Tango in the Group Two Prix Niel horse race at Longchamp today.

## World golf

STOCKHOLM, Sept. 11. (Reuters): The United States looked set to capture the women's World Amateur Team Golf Championship after extending their overnight one-shot lead over Sweden to six shots yesterday.

## European Open

SUNNINGDALE, England, Sept. 11. (Reuters): Ian Woosnam swept remorselessly to the European Open golf title today, re-writing the record books with a superb 65 for a three-shot victory.

## Green ahead

FRANKLIN, Wis., Sept. 11. (Reuters): American Ken Green played a spectacular round of 11-under-par 61 to take a two-stroke lead over Dave Barr of Canada after three rounds of the Greater Milwaukee Open golf tournament yesterday.

## American swimmer

SEOUL, Sept. 11. (Reuters): American swimmer Matt Biondi can forget about equalling compatriot Mark Spitz's record of seven gold medals at one Olympics, according to West German rival Michael Gross. Gross, a double Olympic champion at the 1984 Summer Games, played down Biondi's prospects at a news conference today.

## America's Cup

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Sept. 11. (Reuters): Eight yacht clubs challenged the United States for the America's Cup less than 24 hours after Stars and Stripes successfully defended the trophy. San Diego Yacht Club commodore Doug Alford said yesterday.

## Chinese gymnasts

SEOUL, Sept. 11. (Reuters): China's two top gymnasts said today they would quit after the Olympics and Li Ning, who won three golds at the 1984 Games, hinted he would consider a new career in films. Li and Lou Yun, who also won gold at the Los Angeles Games and took two titles at the 1987 World Championships, said they were tired and felt they should make way for younger Chinese gymnasts.

## WILANDER GETS CHANCE TO BECOME WORLD NO. 1

## Lendl outlasts Agassi for final

NEW YORK, Sept. 11. (Reuters): The US Open title and the world number one ranking was to be on the line this evening when top seed and defending champion Ivan Lendl faced second seed Mats Wilander in the men's final for the second straight year.

In semifinal play yesterday, the pretenders were separated from the contenders as the top two players in the world gunned down a pair of young upstarts.

## Wiped

Sandwiched around Steffi Graf's successful completion of the Grand Slam, first Wilander wiped out surprise semifinalist Darren Cahill of Australia 6-4 6-4. 6-2 Lendl came back from a set down to defeat American teen sensation Andre Agassi, the fourth seed, 4-6, 6-2, 6-3, 6-4 at the US National Tennis Centre.

Wilander, 1988 champion of France and Australia, has been the best player in the world this year. But the rankings computer will make it official if the Swede wins the US Open title.

Lendl, who won a four and a half hour baseline marathon from Wilander in last year's US Open final, has a couple of streaks riding on today's showdown.

He is just three weeks short of breaking Jimmy Connors' record of 159 straight weeks as



Lendl: may break Connors' record

the number one player in the world and a victory today should nail down that record.

Lendl, who will be making his seventh straight US Open final appearance, can also become the first player to win four successive US titles since Bill Tilden won six

from 1920-1925.

"Winning one was great, two was incredible, three was unbelievable and winning four would be better than that," said Lendl who has won 13 of 19 meetings with Wilander, including their last six matches.

"Seven would be better than six," Lendl said of his recent domination of the Swede.

Wilander, who has said he thinks he has earned the number one ranking, is looking forward to the rematch.

"It will be great to play Lendl. I feel like having revenge from last year," said Wilander, who reached the final without having to face a single seeded player.

Agassi, the 18-year-old from Las Vegas, got off to a strong start.

After holding at love to go up 2-1, Agassi drilled a forehand service return down the line to break Lendl at 15 and take a 3-1 lead.

Lendl got the break back in the seventh game but Agassi broke for the set in the 10th game.

He blasted a clean forehand winner for 15-30 and pumped his fists as the crowd went wild. Lendl then double faulted for break point and netted a half volley attempt to lose the set.

"Andre started really well. He was teasing off on everything, but by the beginning of the second set I was serving better and that was the difference," Lendl said.

The next two sets were all Lendl as he broke the American twice in each.

For the first time in the tournament Agassi, who did none of his usual clowning, appeared

nervous and unsure of himself.

"He was just giving things up. It was almost like he was just giving the set away. I don't understand that," said Lendl of the teenager who just two nights earlier had crushed Connors in straight sets.

"He just started playing his game and mine went down a notch," Agassi said.

As the crowd cheered him on, Agassi got back into the match in the fourth set, but by then Lendl was not to be denied.

The top seed's serve was simply awesome in the final set. Lendl won his first three service games at love and lost just three points on serve in the set.

## Contest

Agassi jumped out to a 40-0 lead with a chance to level the set at 5-5, but Lendl ran off the next five points. He ended the contest on his first match point when Agassi went for a forehand winner that landed long and wide.

Although Lendl seems always to have the New York fans rooting against him, he maintains that stadium court here is his favourite court in his favourite tournament.

And there is no lack of motivation for the methodical baseliner as he once again sets out to disappoint his detractors today.

"If I lose I can't be number one anymore," he said.



Sabatini (right) watches Graf hold up the US Open Cup. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Graf goes home to relax before Games

FRANKFURT, West Germany, Sept. 11. (Reuters): Grand Slam champion Steffi Graf returned home almost unnoticed today for a brief rest before heading for the Olympics in Seoul.

Graf, 19, accompanied by her parents, arrived in Frankfurt on an overnight flight from New York, only a few hours after beating Gabriela Sabatini at the US Open women's final.

As Graf waited to retrieve her luggage she signed a few autographs and was cheered by other people at the airport.

"I like it this way," Graf, holding a bouquet, said in reference to the lack of an organised welcoming committee.

Graf said she planned to relax at home for three days before leaving for Seoul, where she will join the West German Olympic tennis team.

## Duel

Yesterday Graf began the match nervously, making two quick unforced errors at the start, but the two teen-agers soon settled into a baseline slugging duel on the stadium court.

Graf, feeling for the touch of her rocket forehand, and Sabatini, searching for depth on her topspin groundstrokes, manoeuvred one another round the court trying to pry open a winning angle to shoot for.

The West German earned the first break of the opening set in the fourth game as errors crept into the Argentine's game, but Sabatini broke right back to make it 3-2.

This time it was Graf who made the errors, sending a forehand wide, another long and then netting a backhand approach as the fifth seed pressed the attack.

Graf earned her critical break in the eighth game for a 5-3 lead as she stepped up the pressure on Sabatini by coming to the net. A backhand approach winner sealed the game for the West German.

Graf tried to pounce on the chance to clinch the set by jumping out to 40-15 for a double set

point as Sabatini again made a pair of careless mistakes.

But this time the Argentine battled back with two brilliant plays. First she boldly stroked a backhand crosscourt winner into the corner, then followed with a perfect backhand, topspin lob that froze Graf in midcourt.

Graf was slowed but not stopped. She promptly reached a third set point and converted it with a sizzling forehand crosscourt shot that splattered off Sabatini's racket at the net.

Sabatini proved her mettle in the second set. The 18-year-old added more loft to her topspin strokes to push Graf further and further back and inhibit the West German from hitting out on her famed forehand.

The high-arching topspin bothered Graf who made an unusually high nine forehand errors and four backhand errors as the Argentine battled her way back into the match.

Graf fell behind love-40 in the second game but rallied to hold her serve.

In the fourth game, Graf again fell behind 0-40 after two unforced errors. She pulled to 15-40 on a service winner but then ended a rally by striking a backhand long.

## Errors

The West German broke back in the seventh game but a series of errors in the next game put her behind 15-40, and Sabatini delivered a floating topspin forehand which Graf returned into the net to give the Argentine a 5-3 lead.

Sabatini held serve to win the set. The only previous set Graf had lost during her Grand Slam romp had been to Martina Navratilova, who took the first set of their Wimbledon final.

There would be no more losing sets, however, as the Graf Grand Slam express roared through the third set against a tiring Sabatini.

"I got a little tired at the end of the second set," Sabatini said. "I was slow getting to the ball. I was tired. I tried the best I could but I was too tired. I had a tough match on Friday."

## Madagascar to stay away from Games

## Castro tried to avert Seoul boycott

SEOUL, Sept. 11. (Reuters): Cuban leader Fidel Castro used secret shuttle diplomacy to try to avert a North Korean boycott of the Seoul Games, a top Olympic official said today.

The president of the Association of National Olympic Committees (ANOC), Mario Vazquez Rana, went on a mission to North Korea in June to meet communist leader Kim Il Sung.

"Fidel, who is an old friend of mine, asked me to speak to President Kim Il Sung in order to help him create the conditions needed for Cuba to go to Seoul," Vazquez Rana, a Mexican, said.

Cuba has said it will stay away from the Olympics, which start on Saturday, unless North Korea attended.

Vazquez Rana said that although he saw no chance of North Korea taking part, last-minute talks were still going on with Cuba. Elaborate negotiations on North Korea's demands to co-host the Games have failed.

"There are no athletes who are

keener to come to Seoul than the Cubans," said Vazquez Rana, the owner of a chain of Mexican newspapers and television and radio stations.

Castro was apparently worried that if Cuba sided with North Korea it would lose the right to stage the 1991 Pan-American Games.

Cuba protested bitterly when the US city of Indianapolis beat it in the bid to stage the 1987 Pan-American Games.

"Now, Cuba already has problems with the 1991," Vazquez Rana said, smoking a fat Havana cigar during the interview in a Seoul hotel.

"The plans they have made are good, but they have not started any construction yet, even though they must build a village, a swimming stadium and a velodrome."

"If they don't address that problem soon, and then on top of it stay away from Seoul, I don't see how the Olympic committees of the Americas will let them host the 1991 Games."

Smiling, Vazquez Rana said in reply to a question that Castro had forgotten his pique over the Indianapolis decision, which the Cuban had blamed largely on Vazquez Rana.

The decision on the 1991 Games will be taken at a meeting in November of the Panamerican Sports Organisation in Puerto Rico.

Vazquez Rana said Castro got him a personal invitation from Kim Il Sung for his secret mission to Pyongyang. The wealthy entrepreneur flew there in his private jet.

"I first met the foreign minister for three hours. It was a good conversation. It was clear that the North Koreans desperately wanted to go, but that also that the idea of co-hosting was firmly stuck in their minds," he said.

The next day, Vazquez Rana was received by Kim Il Sung.

"He was very friendly, embraced me and had official photographs taken. But all through the amicable talk we had, he returned to the political

game every two minutes," he said.

Vazquez Rana said he told Kim that some 100 of the 167 ANOC member countries would send athletes to an international youth festival in North Korea next year if he cancelled the boycott.

"But in the end, we reached the conclusion that North Korea would not come," he said.

After returning home, he went to Cuba to analyse the trip with Castro and he later informed the Seoul Olympic Organising Committee and South Korean President Roh Tae-Woo.

Today, Madagascar joined an Olympic boycott in protest over Seoul's refusal to allow North Korea to co-host the Games, Vazquez Rana said.

Vazquez Rana said the move meant 160 countries would attend the Games — with seven staying away.

"The problem we have with Madagascar is a political one," Vazquez Rana told Reuters. "They must have got a call from North Korea."

## Iran shuns 'Miss Olympic Girl'

SEOUL, Sept. 11. (Reuters): A man will march in front of Iranian athletes at the opening and closing ceremonies of the Olympic Games to meet objections about using a woman.

South Koreans dubbed "Miss Olympic Girls" will precede the other teams, carrying a placard with the country's name, at the September 17 and October 2 parades at Seoul's Olympic stadium.

"Iran has specially asked us to assign a man for their national name board and a man will be in charge of that," a spokeswoman for the parade organisers, Chung

Min-Kyung, said today. No other team had made such a request, she said.

Sources in the Iranian team, which is expected to comprise 28 athletes, said the request was made because of strict principles about a woman's place in Shi'ite Muslim society.

A similar arrangement was made for the Iranians at the 1986 Asian Games, which also took place in Seoul.

Then as now, use of the Korean alphabet to determine the order of nations in the parades will ensure that Iran and Iraq, which began a truce in their

eight-year-old war in August, will not march one behind the other.

Iraq will be the 111th country in the parade, followed by Egypt, Italy, India and then Iran, organisers said.

Under International Olympic Committee (IOC) rules, organisers can choose the local alphabetical order rather than the usual French alphabetical order which puts Iraq immediately, in front of Iran.

South Korean Olympic organisers have also assigned the Iranian and Iraqi teams to well-separated quarters.

## Relay teams

CHIBA, Japan, Sept. 11. (AP): After complaints by Carl Lewis, US sports officials yesterday resolved long unsettled problems of who would be on the men's and women's 400-metre Olympic relay teams.

Men's sprint coach Russ Rogers and women's sprint coach Fred Thompson will both use teams comprised of the first four finishers in the 100-metre dashes at the US Olympic trials at Indianapolis in July.

For the men, that means it will be Lewis, Dennis Mitchell, Calvin Smith and Albert Robinson.

## Berger wins Italian Grand Prix for Ferrari

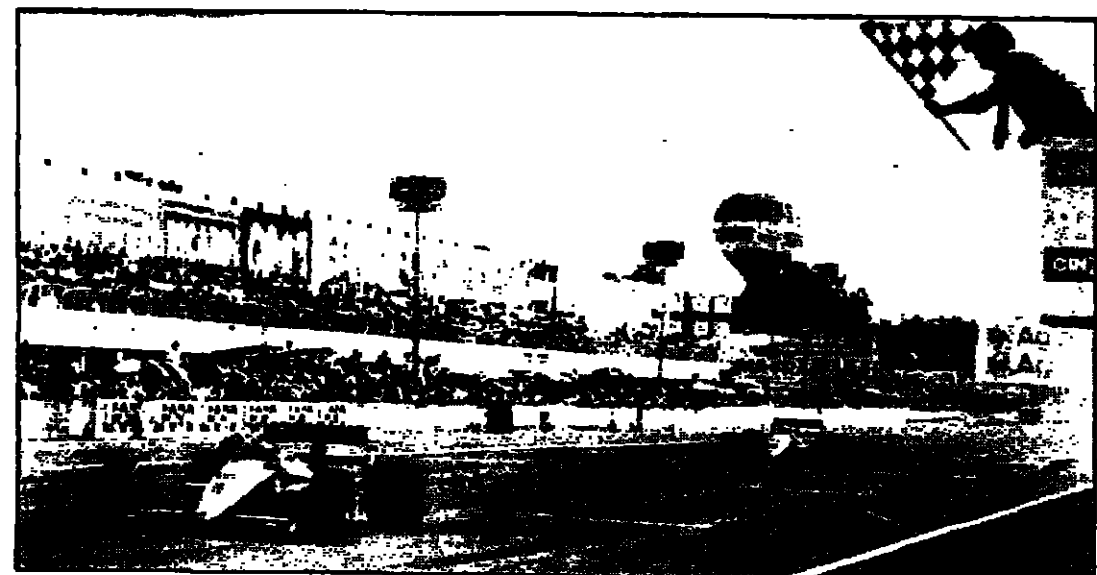
MONZA, Italy, Sept. 11. (Reuters): Austrian Gerhard Berger led Italy's beloved Ferrari team to a sensational triumph in front of their own fanatical followers today when he and Italian team-mate Michele Alboreto finished first and second in the Italian Grand Prix motor race.

Berger took full advantage of a collision between race-leading Brazilian Ayrton Senna and Frenchman Jean-Louis Schlesser on the penultimate lap to snatch an unexpected and dramatic victory, the fourth of his Formula One career.

Recalled: It was the Ferrari team's first win since the Australian Grand Prix at the end of last year, when Berger also led Alboreto home, and will always be recalled as a final tribute to the team's creator, Enzo Ferrari, who died last month.

Berger dedicated the race to Ferrari afterwards as a sea of Italian fans celebrated the team's first 'home' win since Jody Scheckter's in 1979 by dancing on the track in front of the victor's rostrum.

Senna, for whom victory would have been his record



Berger takes the chequered flag. (Reuters wirephoto)

eighth of the season and made virtually certain of his first World Drivers' Championship, had led from the start and appeared to be cruising to a comfortable win when events conspired against him.

His McLaren team-mate and only rival for the title, French-

man Alain Prost, had retired after 34 laps with engine trouble after lying in second place, leaving Senna a seemingly clear run to the flag.

But his hopes were ended as he led the way into the first chicane on the 50th lap of the 51-lap race. Ahead of him, Schlesser had

lost control of his Williams and skidded off towards the sand trap.

As the Frenchman forced his car back onto the track he strayed into Senna's racing line across the kerbs and sent the Brazilian's car spinning.

Senna's McLaren finally came

to a halt on the other side of the track, stuck on a kerb and facing the wrong way — and his race was over.

The Arrows team of American Eddie Cheever and Briton Derek Warwick were third and fourth — their best finish of the season — ahead of the normally-aspirated March of Italian Ivan Capelli and Benetton of Thierry Boutsen of Belgium.

Warwick drove quite superbly, like Italian Alessandro Nannini, who finished ninth in his Benetton after starting in the pit lane.

## Unchanged

The Briton was 10th on the first lap, but charged through the field with great style and was only 0.8 seconds behind his team-mate at the end.

The result ended McLaren's winning sequence — they triumphed in all 11 previous races — but left the position at the head of the drivers' championship unchanged, Senna leading Prost by three points and three wins with four of the season's 16 races remaining.

The next Grand Prix is at Estoril, Portugal, on September 25.



Tyson (left) and Pele at the opening of the golf course. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Soviets get golf course

MOSCOW, Sept. 11. (Reuters): Golf, once deemed too bourgeois for the Soviet Union, has finally arrived in Moscow, although the grass for the country's first course has been shipped from Sweden and few of the players are likely to be Russians.

Today, in a diplomatic quarter of the city near the Moscow river, Swedish ice hockey player turned golf entrepreneur Sven Tumba, 57, formally opened the driving range of Tumba Golf Club Moscow.

World heavyweight boxing

champion Mike Tyson and Brazilian soccer legend Pele, both confessing they knew nothing about golf, were among guests at a ceremony also attended by Lev Zaikov, Moscow Communist Party leader and a Politburo member.

Tumba evidently moved faster than Arnold Hammer, the California billionaire who has had dealings with the Kremlin for 60 years and who in June announced plans to build an 18-hole, 6,800-metre course about 30 km outside Moscow.

## Crown sail past Asim

CROWN Cricket Club beat Asim Cricket Club by seven wickets in a Pakistan Trophy match at the NC ground on Friday.

Asim batting first scored 183 for the loss of five wickets in their allotted overs. Asim's captain Saeed put in a brilliant performance by hitting an unbeaten century.

## Easy

Asim scored 100 and was given some good support by Kalim who also remained unbeaten on 38.

Crown, however, found things easy and got the required runs for those of only three wickets.

Shahid Butt was the highest scorer with 135. He hit four sixes and eleven fours.

Shahid was named Man of the Match.

## Swim classes

SWIMMING classes will start at the Kuwait Hilton Hotel on Sept. 24 for all levels while yoga classes are currently being held. For further information contact the recreation manager.

## RESULTS of the Habara Bridge

Club game played on Sunday: N/S  
1. Capt Sabana & K.T. Simon  
2. Jamila & Nabil Alak  
and Narendra Shah & Anwar E/W  
1. Dr Parekh & Sapre  
2. Dr Omer & M. Habel  
3. Mrs Sapre & Desmond Pereira

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